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ABSTRACT

This Kids Count report provides information on state and countywide trends in the well-being of New Jersey's children between the early and middle 1990s. The statistical report is based on 13 indicators of child well being: (1) children receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children; (2) children receiving food stamps; (3) low birth weight; (4) no prenatal care; (5) infant mortality; (6) births to teens; (7) child deaths; (8) teen deaths; (9) juvenile arrests; (10) juvenile commitments; (11) child abuse substantiated; (12) family problems; and (13) out of home placement. Findings show statewide increases in the number of children receiving AFDC benefits and food stamps, infants with low birth weight, women receiving no prenatal care, juvenile arrests and commitments, and family problems. There have been decreases in: the number of births to teens; deaths of infants, children, and teens; and out of home placements. The bulk of the report is devoted to county profiles. The report also contains city profiles for Atlantic City, Camden, Vineland, East Orange, Irvington, Newark, Orange, Bayonne, Jersey City, North Bergen, Union City, Trenton, New Brunswick, Old Bridge, Perth Amboy, Woodbridge, Asbury Park, Middletown, Brick Township, Dover Township, Clifton, Passaic, Paterson, Elizabeth, and Plainfield. A glossary of indicators is appended. (KDFB)

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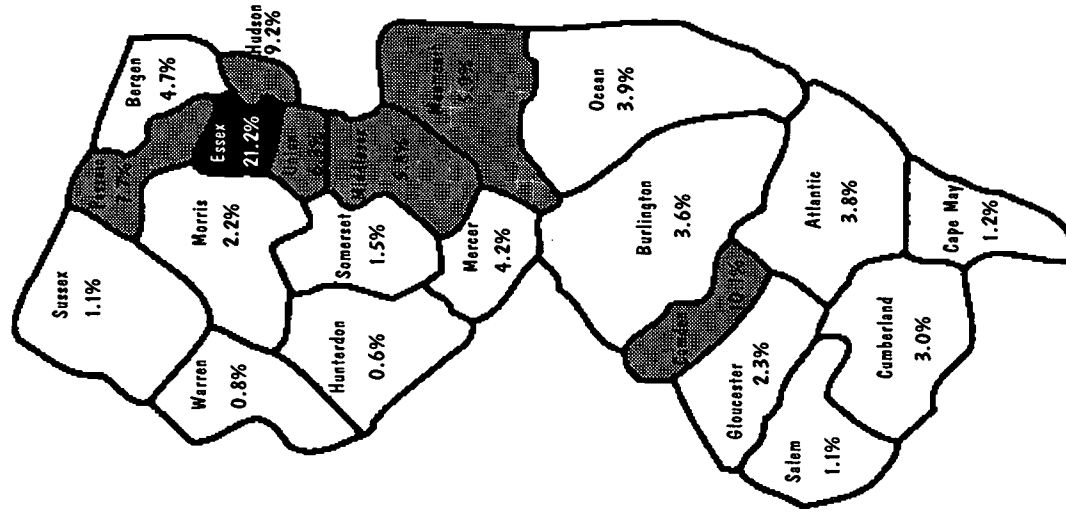
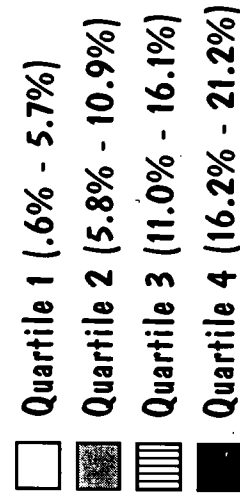
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The Association for Children of New Jersey began publishing statistical data on the well-being of New Jersey's children in Kids Count 1991. The indicator data reported from 1991 to 1995 was compared with 1990 census data. The gap between the 1990 census data and current Kids Count indicator data is widening. This gap has forced ACNJ to change the format for Kids Count 1996. The new format uses raw data for each indicator. This approach allows us to focus on areas in New Jersey with high rates of incidents and elevated percent change over time. The Association for Children will publish the Kids Count report in this new format through the year 2000.

County Composite Scores and Quartile Rankings

Percent Share of
Total State Incidents
Kids Count 1996



State Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1994	\$27,729
Births in 1994	117,684
Population Under 20	2,121,830
Percent Population Under 20	27%
Percent Non-White	29%
Percent Low Birth Weight 1994	7.4%
Percent No Prenatal Care 1994	1.3%
Infant Mortality (per 1,000) 1994	7.7

New Jersey

The time has come for us to civilize ourselves by the total, direct, and immediate abolition of poverty.

— Martin Luther King, Jr., 1967

Indicator	Number of Cases		
	Base Year	Most Recent Year	Percent Change
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1990, 1996	195,648	199,035	+1.7%
Children Receiving Food Stamps 1992, 1996	259,773	267,856	+3.1%
Low Birth Weight 1990, 1994	8,465	8,718	+3.0%
No Prenatal Care 1990, 1994	1,425	1,489	+4.5%
Infant Mortality 1990, 1994	1,086	910	-16.2%
Birth to Teens (ages 15-19) 1990, 1994	10,171	9,330	-8.3%
Child Death (ages 1-14) 1990, 1994	380	379	-0.3%
Teen Death (ages 15-19) 1990, 1994	295	264	-10.5%
Juvenile Arrests (under 18) 1990, 1995	90,265	91,831	+1.7%
Juvenile Commitments (ages 13-18) 1990, 1995	961	1,100	+14.5%
Child Abuse Substantiated 1993, 1995	10,510	9,279	-11.7%
Family Problems 1993, 1995	23,030	24,183	+5.0%
Out of Home Placement 1990, 1995	8,761	8,275	-5.5%

Note: The New Jersey number of cases may not equal county sums, due to cases at military installations, institutions, out of state, or unknown places.

Percent of People Living Below the Poverty Line in New Jersey

1969	8.1%
1979	9.2%
1989	7.6%
1993 - 1995 Average	9.3%

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1994	\$25,754
Births in 1994	3,911
Population Under 20	62,273
Percent Population Under 20	27%
Percent Non-White	29%
Percent Low Birth Weight 1994	7.7%
Percent No Prenatal Care 1994	0.9%
Infant Mortality Rate (Per 1,000) 1994	11.0

Atlantic County

Indicator	Number of Cases			Percent Share of State Total	
	Base Year	Most Recent Year	Percent Change	Base Year	Most Recent Year
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1990, 1996	7,146	7,091	-0.8%	3.7%	3.6%
Children Receiving Food Stamps 1992, 1996	10,295	9,569	-7.1%	4.0%	3.6%
Low Birth Weight 1990, 1994	316	303	-4.1%	3.7%	3.5%
No Prenatal Care 1990, 1994	92	37	-59.8%	6.5%	2.5%
Infant Mortality 1990, 1994	54	43	-20.4%	5.0%	4.8%
Birth to Teens (ages 15-19) 1990, 1994	547	454	-17.0%	5.4%	4.9%
Child Death (ages 1-14) 1990, 1994	19	11	-42.1%	5.0%	2.9%
Teen Death (ages 15-19) 1990, 1994	7	8	+14.3%	2.4%	3.0%
Juvenile Arrests (under 18) 1990, 1995	3,827	4,844	+26.6%	4.2%	5.3%
Juvenile Commitments (ages 13-18) 1990, 1995	60	55	-8.3%	6.2%	5.0%
Child Abuse Substantiated 1993, 1995	400	408	+2.0%	3.8%	4.4%
Family Problems 1993, 1995	675	638	-5.5%	3.0%	2.7%
Out of Home Placement 1990, 1995	398	247	-37.9%	4.5%	3.0%

Note: State Number of Incidents may not equal the sum of the counties due to incidents at military installations, out of state, or unknown residence. Percent Share of State was calculated using the sum of the counties.

County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1994	\$35,653
Births in 1994	11,058
Population Under 20	196,497
Percent Population Under 20	23%
Percent Non-White	20%
Percent Low Birth Weight 1994	5.3%
Percent No Prenatal Care 1994	0.3%
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000) 1994	5.8

Bergen County

Indicator	Number of Cases		Percent Change	Percent Share of State Total	
	Base Year	Most Recent Year		Base Year	Most Recent Year
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1990, 1996	3,463	4,682	+35.2%	1.8%	2.4%
Children Receiving Food Stamps 1992, 1996	5,586	6,934	+24.1%	2.2%	2.6%
Low Birth Weight 1990, 1994	543	584	+7.6%	6.4%	6.7%
No Prenatal Care 1990, 1994	31	38	+22.6%	2.2%	2.6%
Infant Mortality 1990, 1994	64	64	0%	5.9%	7.1%
Birth to Teens (ages 15-19) 1990, 1994	210	267	+27.1%	2.1%	2.9%
Child Death (ages 1-14) 1990, 1994	18	26	+44.4%	4.7%	6.9%
Teen Death (ages 15-19) 1990, 1994	18	16	-11.1%	6.1%	6.1%
Juvenile Arrests (under 18) 1990, 1995	7,845	7,003	-10.7%	8.7%	7.6%
Juvenile Commitments (ages 13-18) 1990, 1995	12	26	+116.7%	1.2%	2.4%
Child Abuse Substantiated 1993, 1995	457	310	-32.2%	4.4%	3.4%
Family Problems 1993, 1995	1,093	1,618	+48.0%	4.8%	6.7%
Out of Home Placement 1990, 1995	252	274	+8.7%	2.9%	3.3%

Notes: State Number of Incidents may not equal the sum of the counties due to incidents at military installations, out of state, or unknown residence. Percent Share of State was calculated using the sum of the counties.

County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1994	\$25,084
Births in 1994	5,218
Population Under 20	114,741
Percent Population Under 20	29%
Percent Non-White	22%
Percent Low Birth Weight	7.3%
Percent No Prenatal Care	0.7%
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000) 1994	5.6

Burlington County

Indicator	Number of Cases			Percent Share of State Total	
	Base Year	Most Recent Year	Percent Change	Base Year	Most Recent Year
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1990, 1996	4,030	4,908	+21.8%	2.1%	2.5%
Children Receiving Food Stamps 1992, 1996	6,567	6,690	+1.9%	2.5%	2.5%
Low Birth Weight 1990, 1994	328	380	+15.9%	3.9%	4.4%
No Prenatal Care 1990, 1994	44	34	-22.7%	3.1%	2.3%
Infant Mortality 1990, 1994	37	29	-21.6%	3.4%	3.2%
Birth to Teens (ages 15-19) 1990, 1994	395	368	-6.8%	3.9%	3.9%
Child Death (ages 1-14) 1990, 1994	22	20	-9.1%	5.8%	5.3%
Teen Death (ages 15-19) 1990, 1994	10	13	+30.0%	3.4%	4.9%
Juvenile Arrests (under 18) 1990, 1995	2,761	3,695	+33.8%	3.1%	4.0%
Juvenile Commitments (ages 13-18) 1990, 1995	13	15	+15.4%	1.4%	1.4%
Child Abuse Substantiated 1993, 1995	435	416	-4.4%	4.2%	4.5%
Family Problems 1993, 1995	533	845	+58.5%	2.4%	3.5%
Out of Home Placement 1990, 1995	365	359	-1.6%	4.2%	4.3%

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County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1994	\$23,395
Births in 1994	7,620
Population Under 20	153,045
Percent Population Under 20	30%
Percent Non-White	28%
Percent Low Birth Weight 1994	8.3%
Percent No Prenatal Care 1994	1.6%
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000) 1994	9.2

Camden County

Indicator	Number of Cases		Percent Change	Percent Share of State Total	
	Base Year	Most Recent Year		Base Year	Most Recent Year
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1990, 1996	25,003	23,527	-5.9%	12.8%	11.8%
Children Receiving Food Stamps 1992, 1996	31,290	29,693	-5.1%	12.0%	11.1%
Low Birth Weight 1990, 1994	659	630	-4.4%	7.8%	7.2%
No Prenatal Care 1990, 1994	134	120	-10.4%	9.4%	8.1%
Infant Mortality 1990, 1994	89	70	-21.3%	8.2%	7.8%
Birth-to Teens(ages 15-19) 1990, 1994	1,061	868	-18.2%	10.4%	9.3%
Child Death(ages 1-14) 1990, 1994	30	23	-23.3%	7.9%	6.1%
Teen Death(ages 15-19) 1990, 1994	34	27	-20.6%	11.5%	10.3%
Juvenile Arrests(under 18) 1990, 1995	5,256	6,642	+26.4%	5.8%	7.2%
Juvenile Commitments(ages 13-18)1990, 1995	154	174	+13.0%	16.0%	15.8%
Child Abuse Substantiated 1993, 1995	1,240	1,421	+14.6%	11.8%	15.4%
Family Problems 1993, 1995	2,479	2,057	-17.0%	11.0%	8.6%
Out of Home Placement 1990, 1995	939	1,014	+8.0%	10.7%	12.3%

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Cape May County

County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1994	\$24,005
Births in 1994	1,275
Population Under 20	24,752
Percent Population Under 20	25%
Percent Non-White	9%
Percent Low Birth Weight	5.3%
Percent No Prenatal Care	0.3%
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000) 1994	7.1

Indicator	Number of Cases		Percent Share of State Total	
	Base Year	Most Recent Year	Base Year	Most Recent Year
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1990, 1996	1,693	2,078	0.9%	1.0%
Children Receiving Food Stamps 1992, 1996	2,962	3,324	1.1%	1.2%
Low Birth Weight 1990, 1994	86	68	1.0%	0.8%
No Prenatal Care 1990, 1994	10	4	0.7%	0.3%
Infant Mortality 1990, 1994	10	9	0.9%	1.0%
Birth to Teens (ages 15-19) 1990, 1994	136	109	1.3%	1.2%
Child Death (ages 1-14) 1990, 1994	9	6	2.4%	1.6%
Teen Death (ages 15-19) 1990, 1994	2	1	0.7%	0.4%
Juvenile Arrests (under 18) 1990, 1995	1,911	1,903	2.1%	2.1%
Juvenile Commitments (ages 13-18) 1990, 1995	1	7	0.1%	0.6%
Child Abuse Substantiated 1993, 1995	170	198	1.6%	2.1%
Family Problems 1993, 1995	401	510	1.8%	2.1%
Out of Home Placement 1990, 1995	111	140	1.3%	1.7%

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County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1994	\$20,171
Births in 1994	2,108
Population Under 20	41,691
Percent Population Under 20	30%
Percent Non-White	34%
Percent Low Birth Weight 1994	8.0%
Percent No Prenatal Care 1994	1.6%
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000) 1994	8.5

Cumberland County

Indicator	Number of Cases		Percent Change	Percent Share of State Total	
	Base Year	Most Recent Year		Base Year	Most Recent Year
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1990, 1996	7,121	6,673	-6.3%	3.6%	3.4%
Children Receiving Food Stamps 1992, 1996	9,751	9,325	-4.4%	3.8%	3.5%
Low Birth Weight 1990, 1994	164	168	+2.4%	1.9%	1.9%
No Prenatal Care 1990, 1994	42	34	-19.0%	2.9%	2.3%
Infant Mortality 1990, 1994	20	18	-10.0%	1.8%	2.0%
Birth to Teens (ages 15-19) 1990, 1994	444	387	-12.8%	4.4%	4.2%
Child Death (ages 1-14) 1990, 1994	11	10	-9.1%	2.9%	2.6%
Teen Death (ages 15-19) 1990, 1994	8	7	-12.5%	2.7%	2.7%
Juvenile Arrests (under 18) 1990, 1995	3,989	3,220	-19.3%	4.4%	3.5%
Juvenile Commitments (ages 13-18) 1990, 1995	29	32	+10.3%	3.0%	2.9%
Child Abuse Substantiated 1993, 1995	212	273	+28.8%	2.0%	3.0%
Family Problems 1993, 1995	460	917	+99.3%	2.0%	3.8%
Out of Home Placement 1990, 1995	298	212	-28.9%	3.4%	2.6%

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County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1994	\$27,816
Births in 1994	13,095
Population Under 20	214,790
Percent Population Under 20	28%
Percent Non-White	58%
Percent Low Birth Weight 1994	11.0%
Percent No Prenatal Care 1994	5.1%
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000) 1994	12.5

Essex County

Indicator	Number of Cases		Percent Change		Percent Share of State Total	
	Base Year	Most Recent Year	Base Year	Most Recent Year	Base Year	Most Recent Year
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1990, 1996	54,833	51,291	-6.5%		28.0%	25.8%
Children Receiving Food Stamps 1992, 1996	67,362	67,536	+0.3%		25.9%	25.2%
Low Birth Weight 1990, 1994	1,516	1,444	-4.7%		17.9%	16.6%
No Prenatal Care 1990, 1994	552	666	+20.7%		38.8%	44.7%
Infant Mortality 1990, 1994	195	164	-15.9%		18.0%	18.2%
Birth to Teens (ages 15-19) 1990, 1994	1,951	1,667	-14.6%		19.2%	17.9%
Child Death (ages 1-14) 1990, 1994	69	74	+7.2%		18.2%	19.6%
Teen Death (ages 15-19) 1990, 1994	50	44	-12.0%		16.9%	16.7%
Juvenile Arrests (under 18) 1990, 1995	12,705	11,178	-12.0%		14.1%	12.2%
Juvenile Commitments (ages 13-18) 1990, 1995	224	226	+0.9%		23.3%	20.5%
Child Abuse Substantiated 1993, 1995	2,149	1,841	-14.3%		20.5%	19.9%
Family Problems 1993, 1995	3,951	4,231	+7.1%		17.5%	17.6%
Out of Home Placement 1990, 1995	2,123	1,667	-21.5%		24.2%	20.1%

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County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1994	\$21,350
Births in 1994	3,251
Population Under 20	73,920
Percent Population Under 20	31%
Percent Non-White	13%
Percent Low Birth Weight 1994.....	6.3%
Percent No Prenatal Care 1994	0.7%
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000) 1994.....	5.5

Gloucester County

Indicator	Number of Cases			Percent Change	Percent Share of State Total	
	Base Year	Most Recent Year			Base Year	Most Recent Year
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1990, 1996	4,144	4,193	+1.2%	2.1%	2.1%	
Children Receiving Food Stamps 1992, 1996	5,719	5,562	-2.7%	2.2%	2.1%	
Low Birth Weight 1990, 1994	220	205	-6.8%	2.6%	2.4%	
No Prenatal Care 1990, 1994	37	22	-40.5%	2.6%	1.5%	
Infant Mortality 1990, 1994	30	18	-40.0%	2.8%	2.0%	
Birth to Teens(ages 15-19) 1990, 1994	280	218	-22.1%	2.8%	2.3%	
Child Death(ages 1-14) 1990, 1994	19	13	-31.6%	5.0%	3.4%	
Teen Death(ages 15-19) 1990, 1994	8	9	+12.5%	2.7%	3.4%	
Juvenile Arrests(under 18) 1990, 1995	1,946	2,687	+38.1%	2.2%	2.9%	
Juvenile Commitments(ages 13-18) 1990, 1995	12	18	+50.0%	1.2%	1.6%	
Child Abuse Substantiated 1993, 1995	306	181	-40.8%	2.9%	2.0%	
Family Problems 1993, 1995	442	400	-9.5%	2.0%	1.7%	
Out of Home Placement 1990, 1995	189	154	-18.5%	2.2%	1.9%	

Note: State Number of Incidents may not equal the sum of the counties due to incidents at military installations, out of state, or unknown residence. Percent Share of State was calculated using the sum of the counties.

County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1994	\$22,186
Births in 1994	9,091
Population Under 20	142,846
Percent Population Under 20	26%
Percent Non-White	57%
Percent Low Birth Weight 1994	8.7%
Percent No Prenatal Care 1994	0.2%
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000) 1994	9.6

Hudson County

Indicator	Number of Cases			Percent Share of State Total	
	Base Year	Most Recent Year	Percent Change	Base Year	Most Recent Year
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1990, 1996	30,219	31,108	+2.9%	15.4%	15.6%
Children Receiving Food Stamps 1992, 1996	37,196	39,511	+6.2%	14.3%	14.8%
Low Birth Weight 1990, 1994	752	788	+4.8%	8.9%	9.1%
No Prenatal Care 1990, 1994	70	17	-75.7%	4.9%	1.1%
Infant Mortality 1990, 1994	107	87	-18.7%	9.9%	9.6%
Birth to Teens (ages 15-19) 1990, 1994	1,036	1,086	+4.8%	10.2%	11.6%
Child Death (ages 1-14) 1990, 1994	31	45	+45.2%	8.2%	11.9%
Teen Death (ages 15-19) 1990, 1994	19	18	-5.3%	6.4%	6.8%
Juvenile Arrests (under 18) 1990, 1995	6,347	7,049	+11.1%	7.0%	7.7%
Juvenile Commitments (ages 13-18) 1990, 1995	45	93	+106.7%	4.7%	8.5%
Child Abuse Substantiated 1993, 1995	970	691	-28.8%	9.3%	7.5%
Family Problems 1993, 1995	1,559	1,787	+14.6%	6.9%	7.4%
Out of Home Placement 1990, 1995	625	660	+5.6%	7.1%	8.0%

Note: State Number of incidents may not equal the sum of the counties due to incidents at military installations, out of state, or unknown residence. Percent Share of State was calculated using the sum of the counties.

County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1994	\$32,838
Births in 1994	1,442
Population Under 20	30,927
Percent Population Under 20	27%
Percent Non-White	6%
Percent Low Birth Weight 1994.....	4.3%
Percent No Prenatal Care 1994	0%
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000) 1994.....	2.1

Hunterdon County

Indicator	Number of Cases			Percent Share of State Total	
	Base Year	Most Recent Year	Percent Change	Base Year	Most Recent Year
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1990, 1996	332	280	-15.7%	0.2%	0.1%
Children Receiving Food Stamps 1992, 1996	546	443	-18.9%	0.2%	0.2%
Low Birth Weight 1990, 1994	78	62	-20.5%	0.9%	0.7%
No Prenatal Care 1990, 1994	1	0	-100%	0.1%	0%
Infant Mortality 1990, 1994	9	3	-66.7%	0.8%	0.3%
Birth to Teens(ages 15-19) 1990, 1994	35	32	-8.6%	0.3%	0.3%
Child Death(ages 1-14) 1990, 1994	2	4	+100%	0.5%	1.1%
Teen Death(ages 15-19) 1990, 1994	8	6	-25.0%	2.7%	2.3%
Juvenile Arrests(under 18) 1990, 1995	489	612	+25.2%	0.5%	0.7%
Juvenile Commitments(ages 13-18) 1990, 1995	0	1	n/a	0%	0.1%
Child Abuse Substantiated 1993, 1995	43	52	+20.9%	0.4%	0.6%
Family Problems 1993, 1995	148	156	+5.4%	0.7%	0.6%
Out of Home Placement 1990, 1995	48	35	-27.1%	0.5%	0.4%

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County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1994	\$30,176
Births in 1994	4,498
Population Under 20	88,620
Percent Population Under 20	27%
Percent Non-White	30%
Percent Low Birth Weight 1994	8.4%
Percent No Prenatal Care 1994	1.1%
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000) 1994	8.2

Mercer County

Indicator	Number of Cases			Percent Share of State Total	
	Base Year	Most Recent Year	Percent Change	Base Year	Most Recent Year
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1990, 1996	8,718	8,405	-3.6%	4.5%	4.2%
Children Receiving Food Stamps 1992, 1996	10,454	10,520	+0.6%	4.0%	3.9%
Low Birth Weight 1990, 1994	388	377	-2.8%	4.6%	4.3%
No Prenatal Care 1990, 1994	41	48	+17.1%	2.9%	3.2%
Infant Mortality 1990, 1994	55	37	-32.7%	5.1%	4.1%
Birth to Teens (ages 15-19) 1990, 1994	552	437	-20.8%	5.4%	4.7%
Child Death (ages 1-14) 1990, 1994	13	15	+15.4%	3.4%	4.0%
Teen Death (ages 15-19) 1990, 1994	12	4	-66.7%	4.1%	1.5%
Juvenile Arrests (under 18) 1990, 1995	5,297	5,026	-5.1%	5.9%	5.5%
Juvenile Commitments (ages 13-18) 1990, 1995	26	48	+84.6%	2.7%	4.4%
Child Abuse Substantiated 1993, 1995	358	373	+4.2%	3.4%	4.0%
Family Problems 1993, 1995	769	1,143	+48.6%	3.4%	4.8%
Out of Home Placement 1990, 1995	637	543	-14.8%	7.3%	6.6%

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County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1994	\$26,595
Births in 1994	10,159
Population Under 20	178,700
Percent Population Under 20	26%
Percent Non-White	27%
Percent Low Birth Weight 1994	6.9%
Percent No Prenatal Care 1994	0.5%
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000) 1994	6.6

Middlesex County

Indicator	Number of Cases		Percent Change	Percent Share of State Total	
	Base Year	Most Recent Year		Base Year	Most Recent Year
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1990, 1996	7,333	9,827	+34.0%	3.7%	4.9%
Children Receiving Food Stamps 1992, 1996	11,290	12,923	+14.5%	4.3%	4.8%
Low Birth Weight 1990, 1994	644	698	+8.4%	7.6%	8.0%
No Prenatal Care 1990, 1994	40	53	+32.5%	2.8%	3.6%
Infant Mortality 1990, 1994	86	67	-22.1%	7.9%	7.4%
Birth to Teens(ages 15-19) 1990, 1994	543	548	+0.9%	5.3%	5.9%
Child Death(ages 1-14) 1990, 1994	18	19	+5.6%	4.7%	5.0%
Teen Death(ages 15-19) 1990, 1994	14	20	+42.9%	4.7%	7.6%
Juvenile Arrests(under 18) 1990, 1995	5,768	5,600	-2.9%	6.4%	6.1%
Juvenile Commitments(ages 13-18) 1990, 1995	36	76	+111.1%	3.7%	6.9%
Child Abuse Substantiated 1993, 1995	498	328	-34.1%	4.8%	3.5%
Family Problems 1993, 1995	1,676	1,621	-3.3%	7.4%	6.8%
Out of Home Placement 1990, 1995	413	399	-3.4%	4.7%	4.8%

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County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1994	\$28,835
Births in 1994	8,265
Population Under 20	159,400
Percent Population Under 20	28%
Percent Non-White	17%
Percent Low Birth Weight 1994	6.4%
Percent No Prenatal Care 1994	0.8%
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000) 1994	6.0

Monmouth County

Indicator	Number of Cases		Percent Change		Percent Share of State Total	
	Base Year	Most Recent Year	Percent Change		Base Year	Most Recent Year
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1990, 1996	7,221	7,192	-0.4%		3.7%	3.6%
Children Receiving Food Stamps 1992, 1996	10,630	10,787	+1.5%		4.1%	4.0%
Low Birth Weight 1990, 1994	468	532	+13.7%		5.5%	6.1%
No Prenatal Care 1990, 1994	57	70	+22.8%		4.0%	4.7%
Infant Mortality 1990, 1994	68	50	-26.5%		6.3%	5.5%
Birth to Teens (ages 15-19) 1990, 1994	512	460	-10.2%		5.0%	4.9%
Child Death (ages 1-14) 1990, 1994	26	22	-15.4%		6.8%	5.8%
Teen Death (ages 15-19) 1990, 1994	17	16	-5.9%		5.8%	6.1%
Juvenile Arrests (under 18) 1990, 1995	6,766	6,253	-7.6%		7.5%	6.8%
Juvenile Commitments (ages 13-18) 1990, 1995	51	75	+47.1%		5.3%	6.8%
Child Abuse Substantiated 1993, 1995	558	602	+7.9%		5.3%	6.5%
Family Problems 1993, 1995	2,066	1,895	-8.3%		9.1%	7.9%
Out of Home Placement 1990, 1995	676	702	+3.8%		7.7%	8.5%

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County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1994	\$36,441
Births in 1994	6,248
Population Under 20	114,235
Percent Population Under 20	26%
Percent Non-White	14%
Percent Low Birth Weight 1994	5.7%
Percent No Prenatal Care 1994	0.1%
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000) 1994	5.0

Morris County

Indicator	Number of Cases		Percent Change		Percent Share of State Total	
	Base Year	Most Recent Year	Base Year	Most Recent Year	Base Year	Most Recent Year
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1990, 1996	1,289	1,445	+12.1%		0.7%	0.7%
Children Receiving Food Stamps 1992, 1996	2,278	2,275	-0.1%		0.9%	0.8%
Low Birth Weight 1990, 1994	333	356	+6.9%		3.9%	4.1%
No Prenatal Care 1990, 1994	14	7	-50.0%		1.0%	0.5%
Infant Mortality 1990, 1994	32	31	-3.1%		3.0%	3.4%
Birth to Teens(ages 15-19) 1990, 1994	150	128	-14.7%		1.5%	1.4%
Child Death(ages 1-14) 1990, 1994	15	11	-26.7%		3.9%	2.9%
Teen Death(ages 15-19) 1990, 1994	10	9	-10.0%		3.4%	3.4%
Juvenile Arrests(under 18) 1990, 1995	2,889	3,381	+17.0%		3.2%	3.7%
Juvenile Commitments(ages 13-18)1990, 1995	2	12	+500%		0.2%	1.1%
Child Abuse Substantiated 1993, 1995	223	135	-39.5%		2.1%	1.5%
Family Problems 1993, 1995	690	818	+18.6%		3.0%	3.4%
Out of Home Placement 1990, 1995	179	161	-10.1%		2.0%	1.9%

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County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1994	\$23,619
Births in 1994	6,170
Population Under 20	116,729
Percent Population Under 20	26%
Percent Non-White	8%
Percent Low Birth Weight 1994	5.8%
Percent No Prenatal Care 1994	0.5%
Infant Mortality (per 1,000) 1994	5.5

Ocean County

Indicator	Number of Cases			Percent Share of State Total	
	Base Year	Most Recent Year	Percent Change	Base Year	Most Recent Year
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1990, 1996	4,916	6,165	+25.4%	2.5%	3.1%
Children Receiving Food Stamps 1992, 1996	9,767	10,659	+9.1%	3.8%	4.0%
Low Birth Weight 1990, 1994	307	356	+16.0%	3.6%	4.1%
No Prenatal Care 1990, 1994	31	31	0%	2.2%	2.1%
Infant Mortality 1990, 1994	36	34	-5.6%	3.3%	3.8%
Birth to Teens (ages 15-19) 1990, 1994	367	388	+5.7%	3.6%	4.2%
Child Death (ages 1-14) 1990, 1994	16	14	-12.5%	4.2%	3.7%
Teen Death (ages 15-19) 1990, 1994	21	15	-28.6%	7.1%	5.7%
Juvenile Arrests (under 18) 1990, 1995	4,643	5,733	+23.5%	5.2%	6.3%
Juvenile Commitments (ages 13-18) 1990, 1995	19	21	+10.5%	2.0%	1.9%
Child Abuse Substantiated 1993, 1995	531	475	-10.5%	5.1%	5.1%
Family Problems 1993, 1995	702	632	-10.0%	3.1%	2.6%
Out of Home Placement 1990, 1995	247	304	+23.1%	2.8%	3.7%

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County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1994	\$22,854
Births in 1994	8,192
Population Under 20	130,741
Percent Population Under 20	28%
Percent Non-White	41%
Percent Low Birth Weight 1994	8.1%
Percent No Prenatal Care 1994	1.9%
Infant Mortality (per 1,000) 1994	8.5

Passaic County

Indicator	Number of Cases		Percent Change	Percent Share of State Total	
	Base Year	Most Recent Year		Base Year	Most Recent Year
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1990, 1996	12,350	13,397	+8.5%	6.3%	6.7%
Children Receiving Food Stamps 1992, 1996	16,618	19,631	+18.1%	6.4%	7.3%
Low Birth Weight 1990, 1994	598	661	+10.5%	7.1%	7.6%
No Prenatal Care 1990, 1994	133	159	+19.5%	9.3%	10.7%
Infant Mortality 1990, 1994	78	70	-10.3%	7.2%	7.8%
Birth to Teens(ages 15-19) 1990, 1994	932	893	-4.2%	9.2%	9.6%
Child Death(ages 1-14) 1990, 1994	22	27	+22.7%	5.8%	7.1%
Teen Death(ages 15-19) 1990, 1994	14	11	-21.4%	4.7%	4.2%
Juvenile Arrests(under 18) 1990, 1995	6,574	5,477	-16.7%	7.3%	6.0%
Juvenile Commitments(ages 13-18)1990, 1995	184	142	-22.8%	19.1%	12.9%
Child Abuse Substantiated 1993, 1995	821	570	-30.6%	7.8%	6.2%
Family Problems 1993, 1995	2,014	1,919	-4.7%	8.9%	8.0%
Out of Home Placement 1990, 1995	331	481	+45.3%	3.8%	5.8%

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County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1994	\$22,172
Births in 1994	799
Population Under 20	18,835
Percent Population Under 20	29%
Percent Non-White	19%
Percent Low Birth Weight 1994	8.4%
Percent No Prenatal Care 1994	2.6%
Infant Mortality (per 1,000) 1994	6.3

Salem County

Indicator	Number of Cases		Percent Change	Percent Share of State Total	
	Base Year	Most Recent Year		Base Year	Most Recent Year
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1990, 1996	2,060	1,662	-19.3%	1.1%	0.8%
Children Receiving Food Stamps 1992, 1996	2,677	2,361	-11.8%	1.0%	0.9%
Low Birth Weight 1990, 1994	71	67	-5.6%	0.8%	0.8%
No Prenatal Care 1990, 1994	8	21	+162.5%	0.6%	1.4%
Infant Mortality 1990, 1994	13	5	-61.5%	1.2%	0.6%
Birth to Teens(ages 15-19) 1990, 1994	127	115	-9.4%	1.3%	1.2%
Child Death(ages 1-14) 1990, 1994	0	3	n/a	0%	0.8%
Teen Death(ages 15-19) 1990, 1994	4	2	-50.0%	1.4%	0.8%
Juvenile Arrests(under 18) 1990, 1995	839	942	+12.3%	0.9%	1.0%
Juvenile Commitments(ages 13-18) 1990, 1995	6	5	-16.7%	0.6%	0.5%
Child Abuse Substantiated 1993, 1995	136	211	+55.1%	1.3%	2.3%
Family Problems 1993, 1995	518	448	-13.5%	2.3%	1.9%
Out of Home Placement 1990, 1995	115	99	-13.9%	1.3%	1.2%

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County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1994	\$37,584
Births in 1994	4,281
Population Under 20	64,770
Percent Population Under 20	25%
Percent Non-White	17%
Percent Low Birth Weight 1994	5.9%
Percent No Prenatal Care 1994.....	0.3%
Infant Mortality (per 1,000) 1994	3.3

Somerset County

Indicator	Number of Cases			Percent Share of State Total	
	Base Year	Most Recent Year	Percent Change	Base Year	Most Recent Year
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1990, 1996	1,169	1,611	+37.8%	0.6%	0.8%
Children Receiving Food Stamps 1992, 1996	2,033	2,539	+24.9%	0.8%	0.9%
Low Birth Weight 1990, 1994	218	251	+15.1%	2.6%	2.9%
No Prenatal Care 1990, 1994	3	14	+366.7%	0.2%	0.9%
Infant Mortality 1990, 1994	24	14	-41.7%	2.2%	1.6%
Birth to Teens (ages 15-19) 1990, 1994	99	133	+34.3%	1.0%	1.4%
Child Death (ages 1-14) 1990, 1994	7	9	+28.6%	1.8%	2.4%
Teen Death (ages 15-19) 1990, 1994	14	5	-64.3%	4.7%	1.9%
Juvenile Arrests (under 18) 1990, 1995	2,485	2,633	+6.0%	2.8%	2.9%
Juvenile Commitments (ages 13-18) 1990, 1995	19	14	-26.3%	2.0%	1.3%
Child Abuse Substantiated 1993, 1995	119	75	-37.0%	1.1%	0.8%
Family Problems 1993, 1995	271	239	-11.8%	1.2%	1.0%
Out of Home Placement 1990, 1995	79	56	-29.1%	0.9%	0.7%

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County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1994	\$24,197
Births in 1994	1,890
Population Under 20	42,750
Percent Population Under 20	31%
Percent Non-White	5%
Percent Low Birth Weight 1994	4.8%
Percent No Prenatal Care 1994.....	0.2%
Infant Mortality (per 1,000) 1994	5.8

Sussex County

Indicator	Number of Cases			Percent Share of State Total	
	Base Year	Most Recent Year	Percent Change	Base Year	Most Recent Year
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1990, 1996	768	517	-32.7%	0.4%	0.3%
Children Receiving Food Stamps 1992, 1996	1,435	1,038	-27.7%	0.6%	0.4%
Low Birth Weight 1990, 1994	130	91	-30.0%	1.5%	1.0%
No Prenatal Care 1990, 1994	6	4	-33.3%	0.4%	0.3%
Infant Mortality 1990, 1994	16	11	-31.3%	1.5%	1.2%
Birth to Teens (ages 15-19) 1990, 1994	79	70	-11.4%	0.8%	0.8%
Child Death (ages 1-14) 1990, 1994	3	7	+133.3%	0.8%	1.9%
Teen Death (ages 15-19) 1990, 1994	3	7	+133.3%	1.0%	2.7%
Juvenile Arrests (under 18) 1990, 1995	592	928	+56.8%	0.7%	1.0%
Juvenile Commitments (ages 13-18) 1990, 1995	1	2	+100%	0.1%	0.2%
Child Abuse Substantiated 1993, 1995	192	91	-52.6%	1.8%	1.0%
Family Problems 1993, 1995	611	450	-26.4%	2.7%	1.9%
Out of Home Placement 1990, 1995	88	83	-5.7%	1.0%	1.0%

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County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1994	\$29,243
Births in 1994	7,664
Population Under 20	124,942
Percent Population Under 20	25%
Percent Non-White	38%
Percent Low Birth Weight 1994.....	7.9%
Percent No Prenatal Care 1994	1.3%
Infant Mortality (per 1,000) 1994	9.3

Union County

Indicator	Number of Cases			Percent Share of State Total	
	Base Year	Most Recent Year	Percent Change	Base Year	Most Recent Year
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1990, 1996	10,668	12,001	+12.5%	5.5%	6.0%
Children Receiving Food Stamps 1992, 1996	13,508	14,765	+9.3%	5.2%	5.5%
Low Birth Weight 1990, 1994	569	608	+6.9%	6.7%	7.0%
No Prenatal Care 1990, 1994	76	101	+32.9%	5.3%	6.8%
Infant Mortality 1990, 1994	52	71	+36.5%	4.8%	7.9%
Birth to Teens(ages 15-19) 1990, 1994	612	622	+1.6%	6.0%	6.7%
Child Death(ages 1-14) 1990, 1994	27	17	-37.0%	7.1%	4.5%
Teen Death(ages 15-19) 1990, 1994	19	21	+10.5%	6.4%	8.0%
Juvenile Arrests(under 18) 1990, 1995	6,422	6,085	-5.2%	7.1%	6.6%
Juvenile Commitments(ages 13-18) 1990, 1995	61	58	-4.9%	6.3%	5.3%
Child Abuse Substantiated 1993, 1995	542	482	-11.1%	5.2%	5.2%
Family Problems 1993, 1995	1,170	1,352	+15.6%	5.2%	5.6%
Out of Home Placement 1990, 1995	579	612	+5.7%	6.6%	7.4%

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Warren County

County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1994	\$23,217
Births in 1994	1,336
Population Under 20	26,626
Percent Population Under 20	28%
Percent Non-White	5%
Percent Low Birth Weight 1994	5.8%
Percent No Prenatal Care 1994.....	0.7%
Infant Mortality (per 1,000) 1994	5.2

Indicator	Number of Cases			Percent Share of State Total	
	Base Year	Most Recent Year	Percent Change	Base Year	Most Recent Year
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1990, 1996	1,172	982	-16.2%	0.6%	0.5%
Children Receiving Food Stamps 1992, 1996	1,809	1,771	-2.1%	0.7%	0.7%
Low Birth Weight 1990, 1994	69	78	+13.0%	0.8%	0.9%
No Prenatal Care 1990, 1994	2	9	+350%	0.1%	0.6%
Infant Mortality 1990, 1994	8	7	-12.5%	0.7%	0.8%
Birth to Teens(ages 15-19) 1990, 1994	91	73	-19.8%	0.9%	0.8%
Child Death(ages 1-14) 1990, 1994	3	2	-33.3%	0.8%	0.5%
Teen Death(ages 15-19) 1990, 1994	3	4	+33.3%	1.0%	1.5%
Juvenile Arrests(under 18) 1990, 1995	711	780	+9.7%	0.8%	0.9%
Juvenile Commitments(ages 13-18) 1990, 1995	6	0	-100%	0.6%	0%
Child Abuse Substantiated 1993, 1995	105	114	+8.6%	1.0%	1.2%
Family Problems 1993, 1995	403	329	-18.4%	1.8%	1.4%
Out of Home Placement 1990, 1995	69	73	+5.8%	0.8%	0.9%

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Children Receiving AFDC Benefits

*If a free society cannot help the many who are poor,
it cannot save the few who are rich.*

—John F. Kennedy

County	Average Number of Children Receiving AFDC		Percent Share of State Total	
	1990	1996	Percent Change	1990 1996
Atlantic	7,146	7,091	-0.8%	3.7% 3.6%
Bergen	3,463	4,682	+35.2%	1.8% 2.4%
Burlington	4,030	4,908	+21.8%	2.1% 2.5%
Camden	25,003	23,527	-5.9%	12.8% 11.8%
Cape May	1,693	2,078	+22.7%	0.9% 1.0%
Cumberland	7,121	6,673	-6.3%	3.6% 3.4%
Essex	54,833	51,291	-6.5%	28.0% 25.8%
Gloucester	4,144	4,193	+1.2%	2.1% 2.1%
Hudson	30,219	31,108	+2.9%	15.4% 15.6%
Hunterdon	332	280	-15.7%	0.2% 0.1%
Mercer	8,718	8,405	-3.6%	4.5% 4.2%
Middlesex	7,333	9,827	+34.0%	3.7% 4.9%
Monmouth	7,221	7,192	-0.4%	3.7% 3.6%
Morris	1,289	1,445	+12.1%	0.7% 0.7%
Ocean	4,916	6,165	+25.4%	2.5% 3.1%
Passaic	12,350	13,397	+8.5%	6.3% 6.7%
Salem	2,060	1,662	-19.3%	1.1% 0.8%
Somerset	1,169	1,611	+37.8%	0.6% 0.8%
Sussex	768	517	-32.7%	0.4% 0.3%
Union	10,668	12,001	+12.5%	5.5% 6.0%
Warren	1,172	982	-16.2%	0.6% 0.5%
New Jersey	195,648	199,035	+1.7%	

In 1996, 66% of New Jersey's Children Receiving AFDC lived in five counties — Camden, Essex, Hudson, Passaic, and Union.

In 1993, 15% of New Jersey's children lived in poverty.

New Jersey AFDC Maximum Monthly Benefit for a Family of Three
Adjusted for Inflation
Percent Change 1970-1995 -63.6%
Rank among States (Including D.C.) 50

Source: New Jersey Division of Economic Assistance
Kids Count Databook, State Profiles of Child Well-Being 1996
The State of America's Children Yearbook 1996, Children's Defense Fund

Children Receiving Food Stamps

*Americans have to be confronted with
the reality of the world they live in as
opposed to the image of what they think
and want it to be...*

—Dr. Reed V. Tuckson

In 1996, 64% of New Jersey's Children Receiving Food Stamps lived
in five counties — Camden, Essex, Hudson, Passaic, and Union.

New Jersey Children Receiving Food Stamps
Percent Increase FY 1989-1994 51.7%
Rank Among States (Including D.C.) 29

Source: New Jersey Division of Family Development
The State of America's Children Yearbook 1996, Children's Defense Fund

County	Average Number of Children Receiving Food Stamps			Percent Share of State Total	
	1992	1996	Percent Change	1992	1996
Atlantic	10,295	9,569	-7.1%	4.0%	3.6%
Bergen	5,586	6,934	+24.1%	2.2%	2.6%
Burlington	6,567	6,690	+1.9%	2.5%	2.5%
Camden	31,290	29,693	-5.1%	12.0%	11.1%
Cape May	2,962	3,324	+12.2%	1.1%	1.2%
Cumberland	9,751	9,325	-4.4%	3.8%	3.5%
Essex	67,362	67,536	+0.3%	25.9%	25.2%
Gloucester	5,719	5,562	-2.7%	2.2%	2.1%
Hudson	37,196	39,511	+6.2%	14.3%	14.8%
Hunterdon	546	443	-18.9%	0.2%	0.2%
Mercer	10,454	10,520	+0.6%	4.0%	3.9%
Middlesex	11,290	12,923	+14.5%	4.3%	4.8%
Monmouth	10,630	10,787	+1.5%	4.1%	4.0%
Morris	2,278	2,275	-0.1%	0.9%	0.8%
Ocean	9,767	10,659	+9.1%	3.8%	4.0%
Passaic	16,618	19,631	+18.1%	6.4%	7.3%
Salem	2,677	2,361	-11.8%	1.0%	0.9%
Somerset	2,033	2,539	+24.9%	0.8%	0.9%
Sussex	1,435	1,038	-27.7%	0.6%	0.4%
Union	13,508	14,765	+9.3%	5.2%	5.5%
Warren	1,809	1,771	-2.1%	0.7%	0.7%
New Jersey	259,773	267,856	+3.1%		

Low Birth Weight

*Each child is an adventure into a better life
— an opportunity to change the old pattern
and make it new.*

— Hubert H. Humphrey

County	Number of Births		Number with Low Birth Weight		Percent Share of State Total	
	1990	1994	1990	1994	1990	1994
Atlantic	4,054	3,911	316	303	3.7%	3.5%
Bergen	10,518	11,058	543	584	6.4%	6.7%
Burlington	5,778	5,218	328	380	3.9%	4.4%
Camden	8,927	7,620	659	630	7.8%	7.2%
Cape May	1,364	1,275	86	68	1.0%	0.8%
Cumberland	2,328	2,108	164	163	1.9%	1.9%
Essex	14,362	13,095	1,516	1,444	17.9%	16.6%
Gloucester	3,522	3,251	220	205	2.6%	2.4%
Hudson	9,778	9,091	752	788	8.9%	9.1%
Hunterdon	1,489	1,442	78	62	0.9%	0.7%
Mercer	5,067	4,498	388	377	4.6%	4.3%
Middlesex	10,372	10,159	644	698	7.6%	8.0%
Monmouth	8,400	8,265	468	532	5.5%	6.1%
Morris	5,948	6,248	333	356	3.9%	4.1%
Ocean	6,283	6,170	307	356	3.6%	4.1%
Passaic	8,286	8,192	598	661	7.1%	7.6%
Salem	898	799	71	67	0.8%	0.8%
Somerset	3,972	4,281	218	251	2.6%	2.9%
Sussex	2,273	1,890	130	91	1.5%	1.0%
Union	7,654	7,664	569	608	6.7%	7.0%
Warren	1,474	1,336	69	78	0.8%	0.9%
New Jersey	122,897	117,684	8,465	8,718		+3.0%

Percent Low Birth Weight in 1990

New Jersey 6.9%
Highest County..... 10.6%
Lowest County 4.7%

Percent Low Birth Weight in 1994

New Jersey 7.4%
Highest County 11.0%
Lowest County 4.3%

In 1993, 35 states had lower

Low Birth Weight rates than New Jersey.

Source: New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services

Kids Count Databook 1996, State Profiles of Child Well Being

1. The sum of the counties does not equal the New Jersey total due to births/deaths at military installations, institutions, or unknown places. The sum of the counties used to calculate percent share of state total were 8,457 (1990) and 8,707 (1994).

No Prenatal Care

What is a neglected child? He is a child not planned for, not wanted. Neglect begins, therefore, before he is born.

—Pearl S. Buck

Percent Births with No Prenatal Care in 1990

New Jersey	1.2%
Highest County	3.8%
Lowest County	0.1%

Percent Births with No Prenatal Care in 1994

New Jersey	1.3%
Highest County	5.1%
Lowest County	0%

In 1993, New Jersey ranked 20th among states in percent of babies born to mothers receiving early Prenatal Care.

Source: New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services

The State of America's Children Yearbook 1996, Children's Defense Fund

1. The sum of the counties may not equal the New Jersey total due to births/deaths at military installations, institutions, or unknown places. The sum of the counties used to calculate percent share of state total was 1,424 (1990).

County	Number of Births		Number with No Prenatal Care		Percent Share of State Total	
	1990	1994	1990	1994	1990	1994
Atlantic	4,054	3,911	92	37	6.5%	2.5%
Bergen	10,518	11,058	31	38	2.2%	2.6%
Burlington	5,778	5,218	44	34	3.1%	2.3%
Camden	8,927	7,620	134	120	9.4%	8.1%
Cape May	1,364	1,275	10	4	0.7%	0.3%
Cumberland	2,328	2,108	42	34	2.9%	2.3%
Essex	14,362	13,095	552	666	38.8%	44.7%
Gloucester	3,522	3,251	37	22	2.6%	1.5%
Hudson	9,778	9,091	70	17	4.9%	1.1%
Hunterdon	1,489	1,442	1	0	0.1%	0.0%
Mercer	5,067	4,498	41	48	2.9%	3.2%
Middlesex	10,372	10,159	40	53	2.8%	3.6%
Monmouth	8,400	8,265	57	70	4.0%	4.7%
Morris	5,948	6,248	14	7	1.0%	0.5%
Ocean	6,283	6,170	31	31	2.2%	2.1%
Passaic	8,286	8,192	133	159	9.3%	10.7%
Salem	898	799	8	21	0.6%	1.4%
Somerset	3,972	4,281	3	14	0.2%	0.9%
Sussex	2,273	1,890	6	4	0.4%	0.3%
Union	7,654	7,664	76	101	5.3%	6.8%
Warren	1,474	1,336	2	9	0.1%	0.6%
New Jersey	122,897	117,684	1,425	1,489		

Infant Mortality

Nothing cures but time and love.

—Laura Nyro

County	Number Infant Deaths		Percent Share of State Total	
	1990	1994	Percent Change	
Atlantic	54	43	-20.4%	4.8%
Bergen	64	64	0%	7.1%
Burlington	37	29	-21.6%	3.2%
Camden	89	70	-21.3%	7.8%
Cape May	10	9	-10.0%	1.0%
Cumberland	20	18	-10.0%	2.0%
Essex	195	164	-15.9%	18.2%
Gloucester	30	18	-40.0%	2.0%
Hudson	107	87	-18.7%	9.6%
Hunterdon	9	3	-66.7%	0.3%
Mercer	55	37	-32.7%	4.1%
Middlesex	86	67	-22.1%	7.4%
Monmouth	68	50	-26.5%	5.5%
Morris	32	31	-3.1%	3.4%
Ocean	36	34	-5.6%	3.8%
Passaic	78	70	-10.3%	7.8%
Salem	13	5	-61.5%	0.6%
Somerset	24	14	-41.7%	1.6%
Sussex	16	11	-31.3%	1.2%
Union	52	71	+36.5%	7.9%
Warren	8	7	-12.5%	0.8%
New Jersey	1,086	910	-16.2%	

Infant Mortality Rate in 1990

New Jersey 9 per 1,000 Infants
 Highest County 14 per 1,000 Infants
 Lowest County 5 per 1,000 Infants

Infant Mortality Rate in 1994

New Jersey 8 per 1,000 Infants
 Highest County 13 per 1,000 Infants
 Lowest County 2 per 1,000 Infants

In 1993, New Jersey ranked 25th among states in
 Infant Mortality Rate.

Source: New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services
Kids Count Data Book 1996, State Profiles of Child Well-Being

1. The sum of the counties does not equal the New Jersey total due to births/deaths at military installations, institutions, or unknown places. The sum of the counties used to calculate percent share of state total were 1,083 (1990) and 907 (1994).

Births to Teens

Once you bring life into the world, you must protect it. We must protect it by changing the world.

—Elie Wiesel

Births to Teen Mothers as Percent of Total Births 1990
 New Jersey 8.3%
 Highest 19.1%
 Lowest 2.0%

Births to Teen Mothers as Percent of Total Births 1994
 New Jersey 7.9%
 Highest 18.4%
 Lowest 2.1%

In 1994, 20% of Teen Births in New Jersey were second or later births.

It is estimated that 78% of teen girls and 86% of teen boys are sexually active.

Source: New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services
Facts at a Glance October 1996, Child Trends, Inc.
 Child Welfare League of America

1. The sum of the counties does not equal the New Jersey total due to births/deaths at military installations, institutions, or unknown places. The sum of the counties used to calculate percent share of state total were 10,159 (1990) and 9,323 (1994).

County	Number of Births ¹		Number of Births to Teens (Ages 15-19)		Percent Share of State Total	
	1990	1994	1990	1994	1990	1994
Atlantic	4,054	3,911	547	454	5.4%	4.9%
Bergen	10,518	11,058	210	267	2.1%	2.9%
Burlington	5,778	5,218	395	368	3.9%	3.9%
Camden	8,927	7,620	1,061	868	10.4%	9.3%
Cape May	1,364	1,275	136	109	1.3%	1.2%
Cumberland	2,328	2,108	444	387	4.4%	4.2%
Essex	14,362	13,095	1,951	1,667	19.2%	17.9%
Gloucester	3,522	3,251	280	218	2.8%	2.3%
Hudson	9,778	9,091	1,036	1,086	10.2%	11.6%
Hunterdon	1,489	1,442	35	32	0.3%	0.3%
Mercer	5,067	4,498	552	437	5.4%	4.7%
Middlesex	10,372	10,159	543	548	5.3%	5.9%
Monmouth	8,400	8,265	512	460	5.0%	4.9%
Morris	5,948	6,248	150	128	1.5%	1.4%
Ocean	6,283	6,170	367	388	3.6%	4.2%
Passaic	8,286	8,192	932	893	9.2%	9.6%
Salem	898	799	127	115	1.3%	1.2%
Somerset	3,972	4,281	99	133	1.0%	1.4%
Sussex	2,273	1,890	79	70	0.8%	0.8%
Union	7,654	7,664	612	622	6.0%	6.7%
Warren	1,474	1,336	91	73	0.9%	0.8%
New Jersey	122,897	117,684 ¹	10,171 ¹	9,330 ¹		

Child Deaths

*The greatest natural resource that any country
can have is its children.*

—Danny Kaye

County	Number Child Deaths (Ages 1-14)			Percent Share of State Total	
	1990	1994	Percent Change	1990	1994
Atlantic	19	11	-42.1%	5.0%	2.9%
Bergen	18	26	+44.4%	4.7%	6.9%
Burlington	22	20	-9.1%	5.8%	5.3%
Camden	30	23	-23.3%	7.9%	6.1%
Cape May	9	6	-33.3%	2.4%	1.6%
Cumberland	11	10	-9.1%	2.9%	2.6%
Essex	69	74	+7.2%	18.2%	19.6%
Gloucester	19	13	-31.6%	5.0%	3.4%
Hudson	31	45	+45.2%	8.2%	11.9%
Hunterdon	2	4	+100%	0.5%	1.1%
Mercer	13	15	+15.4%	3.4%	4.0%
Middlesex	18	19	+5.6%	4.7%	5.0%
Monmouth	26	22	-15.4%	6.8%	5.8%
Morris	15	11	-26.7%	3.9%	2.9%
Ocean	16	14	-12.5%	4.2%	3.7%
Passaic	22	27	+22.7%	5.8%	7.1%
Salem	0	3	n/a	0%	0.8%
Somerset	7	9	+28.6%	1.8%	2.4%
Sussex	3	7	+133.3%	0.8%	1.9%
Union	27	17	-37.0%	7.1%	4.5%
Warren	3	2	-33.3%	0.8%	0.5%
New Jersey	380	379 ¹	-0.3%		

In 1993, New Jersey ranked 26th among states in Child Death Rate.

Between 1991 and 1994, the rate of smoking
among 8th graders ages 13 to 14 rose 30%.

In 1994, in New Jersey
2 children died of unintentional injuries each week
4 Children died of HIV infection each month

Source: Kids Count 1996, State Profiles of Child Well-Being
The State of America's Children Yearbook 1996, Children's Defense Fund
Child Welfare League of America

1. The sum of the counties may not equal the New Jersey total due to births/deaths at military in
installations, institutions, or unknown places. The sum of the counties used to calculate percent
share of state total was 378 for 1994.

Teen Death

To love one child and to love all children, whether living or dead — somewhere these two loves come together.

—Marguerite Duras

In 1993 an estimate of 50% of high students reported weapons in their schools.

In 1993 the New Jersey Teen Violent Death rate was 40 per 100,000 teens.

In 1994, each month, in New Jersey

8 teens died of unintentional injuries

5 teens died of homicides

3 teens committed suicide

Source: *Kids Count 1996, State Profiles of Child Well-Being*
Child Welfare League of America
NJ Department of Health and Senior Services

1. The sum of the counties may not equal the New Jersey total due to births/deaths at military installations, institutions, or unknown places. The sum of the counties used to calculate percent share of state total was 263 for 1994.

County	Number Teen Deaths(Ages 15-19)			Percent Share of State Total	
	1990	1994	Percent Change	1990	1994
Atlantic	7	8	+14.3%	2.4%	3.0%
Bergen	18	16	-11.1%	6.1%	6.1%
Burlington	10	13	+30.0%	3.4%	4.9%
Camden	34	27	-20.6%	11.5%	10.3%
Cape May	2	1	-50.0%	0.7%	0.4%
Cumberland	8	7	-12.5%	2.7%	2.7%
Essex	50	44	-12.0%	16.9%	16.7%
Gloucester	8	9	+12.5%	2.7%	3.4%
Hudson	19	18	-5.3%	6.4%	6.8%
Hunterdon	8	6	-25.0%	2.7%	2.3%
Mercer	12	4	-66.7%	4.1%	1.5%
Middlesex	14	20	+42.9%	4.7%	7.6%
Monmouth	17	16	-5.9%	5.8%	6.1%
Morris	10	9	-10.0%	3.4%	3.4%
Ocean	21	15	-28.6%	7.1%	5.7%
Passaic	14	11	-21.4%	4.7%	4.2%
Salem	4	2	-50.0%	1.4%	0.8%
Somerset	14	5	-64.3%	4.7%	1.9%
Sussex	3	7	+133.3%	1.0%	2.7%
Union	19	21	+10.5%	6.4%	8.0%
Warren	3	4	+33.3%	1.0%	1.5%
New Jersey	295	264	-10.5%		

Juvenile Arrests

If help and salvation are to come, they can only come from the children, for the children are the makers of men.

—Maria Montessori

County	Number of Juvenile Arrests (Under 18)		Percent Share of State Total	
	1990	1995	Percent Change	
Atlantic	3,827	4,844	+26.6%	5.3%
Bergen	7,845	7,003	-10.7%	7.6%
Burlington	2,761	3,695	+33.8%	4.0%
Camden	5,256	6,642	+26.4%	7.2%
Cape May	1,911	1,903	-0.4%	2.1%
Cumberland	3,989	3,220	-19.3%	3.5%
Essex	12,705	11,178	-12.0%	12.2%
Glooucester	1,946	2,687	+38.1%	2.9%
Hudson	6,347	7,049	+11.1%	7.7%
Hunterdon	489	612	+25.2%	0.7%
Mercer	5,297	5,026	-5.1%	5.5%
Middlesex	5,768	5,600	-2.9%	6.1%
Monmouth	6,766	6,253	-7.6%	6.8%
Morris	2,889	3,381	+17.0%	3.7%
Ocean	4,643	5,733	+23.5%	6.3%
Passaic	6,574	5,477	-16.7%	6.0%
Salem	839	942	+12.3%	1.0%
Somerset	2,485	2,633	+6.0%	2.9%
Sussex	592	928	+56.8%	1.0%
Union	6,422	6,085	-5.2%	6.6%
Warren	711	780	+9.7%	0.9%
New Jersey	90,265 ¹	91,831 ¹	+1.7%	

1990

Juvenile Arrests as Percent of Total Arrests

Lowest County	12.5%
Highest County	31.6%
New Jersey	17.2%

Percent Crime Index Arrests of Total Juvenile Arrests 27.5%

Number of Juvenile Violent Crimes 5,195

1995

Juvenile Arrests as Percent of Total Arrests

Lowest County	15.0%
Highest County	32.1%
New Jersey	21.3%

Percent Crime Index Arrests of Total Juvenile Arrests 31.1%

Number of Juvenile Violent Crimes 5,614

Note: Crime Index offenses include murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny theft, motor vehicle theft.

Source: New Jersey Uniform Crime Report 1990, 1995

1. The sum of the counties does not equal the New Jersey total due to arrests by other agencies. The sum of the counties used to calculate percent share of state total were 90,062 (1990) and 91,671 (1995).

Juvenile Commitments

Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them.

—James Baldwin

In 1995, 57.7% of New Jersey's Juvenile Commitments were from four counties — Camden, Essex, Passaic, and Hudson.

Average Length of Stay in 1995
 NJ Training School for Boys 14 - 18 months
 Juvenile Medium Security Facility 9 months
 Community-Based Residential Programs 118 days

Source: Juvenile Justice Commission
 New Jersey Budget Book Fiscal Year 1997

County	Number of Commitments (Ages 13-18)			Percent Share of State Total	
	1990	1995	Percent Change	1990	1995
Atlantic	60	55	-8.3%	6.2%	5.0%
Bergen	12	26	+116.7%	1.2%	2.4%
Burlington	13	15	+15.4%	1.4%	1.4%
Camden	154	174	+13.0%	16.0%	15.8%
Cape May	1	7	+600.0%	0.1%	0.6%
Cumberland	29	32	+10.3%	3.0%	2.9%
Essex	224	226	+0.9%	23.3%	20.5%
Gloucester	12	18	+50.0%	1.2%	1.6%
Hudson	45	93	+106.7%	4.7%	8.5%
Hunterdon	0	1	n/a	0%	0.1%
Mercer	26	48	+84.6%	2.7%	4.4%
Middlesex	36	76	+111.1%	3.7%	6.9%
Monmouth	51	75	+47.1%	5.3%	6.8%
Morris	2	12	+500.0%	0.2%	1.1%
Ocean	19	21	+10.5%	2.0%	1.9%
Passaic	184	142	-22.8%	19.1%	12.9%
Salem	6	5	-16.7%	0.6%	0.5%
Somerset	19	14	-26.3%	2.0%	1.3%
Sussex	1	2	+100.0%	0.1%	0.2%
Union	61	58	-4.9%	6.3%	5.3%
Warren	6	0	-100.0%	0.6%	0%
New Jersey	961	1,100	+14.5%		

Child Abuse

Substantiated Cases

I am not sure how many "sins" I would recognize in the world. Some would surely be defused by changed circumstances. But I can imagine none that is more irredeemably sinful than the betrayal, the exploitation, of the young by those who should care for them.

—Elizabeth Janeway

County	Number of Substantiated Cases		Percent Share of State Total	
	1993	1995	Percent Change	1993 1995
Atlantic	400	408	+2.0%	3.8% 4.4%
Bergen	457	310	-32.2%	4.4% 3.4%
Burlington	435	416	-4.4%	4.2% 4.5%
Camden	1,240	1,421	+14.6%	11.8% 15.4%
Cape May	170	198	+16.5%	1.6% 2.1%
Cumberland	212	273	+28.8%	2.0% 3.0%
Essex	2,149	1,841	-14.3%	20.5% 19.9%
Gloucester	306	181	-40.8%	2.9% 2.0%
Hudson	970	691	-28.8%	9.3% 7.5%
Hunterdon	43	52	+20.9%	0.4% 0.6%
Mercer	358	373	+4.2%	3.4% 4.0%
Middlesex	498	328	-34.1%	4.8% 3.5%
Monmouth	558	602	+7.9%	5.3% 6.5%
Morris	223	135	-39.5%	2.1% 1.5%
Ocean	531	475	-10.5%	5.1% 5.1%
Passaic	821	570	-30.6%	7.8% 6.2%
Salem	136	211	+55.1%	1.3% 2.3%
Somerset	119	75	-37.0%	1.1% 0.8%
Sussex	192	91	-52.6%	1.8% 1.0%
Union	542	482	-11.1%	5.2% 5.2%
Warren	105	114	+8.6%	1.0% 1.2%
New Jersey	10,510	9,279	-11.7%	

In 1994, DYFS received 28,144 child abuse/neglect reports.

33.8% were substantiated

Type of substantiated maltreatment included:

Physical Abuse	30.8%
Neglect	52.1%
Sexual Abuse	11.0%
Emotional Abuse	2.0%
Multiple Types	4.1%

In 1994, 34 children died from abuse or neglect, with an additional 25 deaths still under review.

In 1995, DYFS spent \$11.3 million — 2.6% of its \$424.8 million budget — on child abuse prevention.

Source: *Children at Risk 1993 & 1994*, NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Youth and Family Services
FY 97 State Budget Book

1. The sum of the counties does not equal the New Jersey total due to out of state cases. The sum of the counties used to calculate the percent share of state total were 10,465 (1993) and 9,247 (1995).

Family Problems

We may not always see eye to eye, but we can see heart to heart.

—Sam Leavenson

DYFS defines "family problems" as families who may not have actually abused their children, but have a greater potential of placing their children at serious risk of harm if help is not received.

In 1994, 73.6% of all referrals for family problems were substantiated at-risk.

66% of the family problem cases were the result of a parent-focused problem, such as parenting issues, substance abuse, and lack of supervision.

Parental substance abuse was a factor in 22% of the family problem referrals and in 34% of the substantiated abuse/neglect cases.

In 1995, 33% of all Family Problems were from three counties — Camden, Essex, and Passaic.

Source: *Children at Risk 1993 & 1994*, Division of Youth and Family Services, NJ Department of Human Services

1. The sum of the counties does not equal the NJ total due to out of state cases. The sum of the counties used to calculate percent share of state total were 22,631 (1993) and 24,005 (1995).

County	Number of Cases		Percent Share of State Total	
	1993	1995	1993	1995
Atlantic	675	638	3.0%	2.7%
Bergen	1,093	1,618	4.8%	6.7%
Burlington	533	845	2.4%	3.5%
Camden	2,479	2,057	11.0%	8.6%
Cape May	401	510	1.8%	2.1%
Cumberland	460	917	2.0%	3.8%
Essex	3,951	4,231	17.5%	17.6%
Gloucester	442	400	2.0%	1.7%
Hudson	1,559	1,787	6.9%	7.4%
Hunterden	148	156	0.7%	0.6%
Mercer	769	1,143	3.4%	4.8%
Middlesex	1,676	1,621	7.4%	6.8%
Monmouth	2,066	1,895	9.1%	7.9%
Morris	690	818	3.0%	3.4%
Ocean	702	632	3.1%	2.6%
Passaic	2,014	1,919	8.9%	8.0%
Salem	518	448	2.3%	1.9%
Somerset	271	239	1.2%	1.0%
Sussex	611	450	2.7%	1.9%
Union	1,170	1,352	5.2%	5.6%
Warren	403	329	1.8%	1.4%
New Jersey	23,030 ¹	24,183 ¹		+5.0%

Out of Home Placement

*You may give them your love but not your thoughts.
For they have their own thoughts.
You may house their bodies but not their souls,
For their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow,
which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams.*

—Kahlil Gibran

County	Number of Out-of-Home Placements		Percent Share of State Total	
	1990	1995	Percent Change	
Atlantic	398	247	-37.9%	4.5%
Bergen	252	274	+8.7%	2.9%
Burlington	365	359	-1.6%	4.2%
Camden	939	1,014	+8.0%	10.7%
Cape May	111	140	+26.1%	1.3%
Cumberland	298	212	-28.9%	3.4%
Essex	2,123	1,667	-21.5%	24.2%
Gloucester	189	154	-18.5%	2.2%
Hudson	625	660	+5.6%	7.1%
Hunterdon	48	35	-27.1%	0.5%
Mercer	637	543	-14.8%	7.3%
Middlesex	413	399	-3.4%	4.7%
Monmouth	676	702	+3.8%	7.7%
Morris	179	161	-10.1%	2.0%
Ocean	247	304	+23.1%	2.8%
Passaic	331	481	+45.3%	3.8%
Salem	115	99	-13.9%	1.3%
Somerset	79	56	-29.1%	0.9%
Sussex	88	83	-5.7%	1.0%
Union	579	612	+5.7%	6.6%
Warren	69	73	+5.8%	0.8%
New Jersey	8,761	8,275	-5.5%	

15.6% of children under DYFS supervision are in substitute care.

79% of children in substitute care are in foster care. The remainder are in group homes, shelters, or residential care.

27.8% of the children in substitute care are in the DYFS Adoption Resource Centers awaiting adoption placement.

Almost 80% of children in foster care are age 12 or under.

Almost 50% are age 5 or younger.

66.8% are African American.

In FY 97, the cost of substitute care ranged from an annual per capita cost of \$6,000 for a child in foster care to an average of \$150,000 for a child in one of the DYFS-run residential placements.

Source: Division of Youth and Family Services, Department of Human Services
FY 97 State Budget Book

Atlantic City Atlantic County

City Facts

Number of Births in 1994..... 943
Percent Low Birth Weight 1994.....9.1%
Percent No Prenatal Care 1994.....1.9%
Infant Mortality (per 1,000) 1994..... 19.1

Camden Camden County

City Facts

Number of Births in 1994.....2,027
Percent Low Birth Weight 1994.....13.1%
Percent No Prenatal Care 1994.....4.5%
Infant Mortality (per 1,000) 1994..... 14.3

Indicator	Number of Incidents			Most Recent Year		Percent Change		Most Recent Year		Percent Share of	
	Base Year	Most Recent Year	Percent Change	County	State	County	State	County	State	County	State
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1990,1996	4,098	3,500	-14.6%	7,091	199,035	49.4%	1.8%				
Children Receiving Food Stamps 1992,1996	5,299	4,555	-14.0%	9,569	267,856	47.6%	1.7%				
Low Birth Weight 1990,1994	118	86	-27.1%	303	8,718	28.4%	1.0%				
No Prenatal Care 1990,1994	52	18	-65.4%	37	1,489	48.6%	1.2%				
Infant Mortality 1990,1994	22	18	-18.2%	43	910	41.9%	2.0%				
Births to Teens (15-19) 1990,1994	274	190	-30.7%	454	9,330	41.9%	2.0%				
Child Death (1-14) 1990,1994	11	7	-36.4%	11	379	63.6%	1.9%				
Teen Death (15-19) 1990,1994	2	3	+50.0%	8	264	37.5%	1.1%				
Juvenile Commitments (13-18) 1990,1995	n/a	40	n/a	55	1,100	72.7%	3.6%				
Child Abuse Substantiated 1993,1995	202	179	-11.4%	408	9,279	43.9%	1.9%				
Family Problems 1993,1995	315	225	-28.6%	638	24,183	35.3%	0.9%				

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Percent Share of State was calculated using the sum of the counties.

Indicator	Number of Incidents			Most Recent Year		Percent Change		Most Recent Year		Percent Share of	
	Base Year	Most Recent Year	Percent Change	County	State	County	State	County	State	County	State
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1990,1996	19,056	16,375	-14.1%	23,527	199,035	69.6%	8.2%				
Children Receiving Food Stamps 1992,1996	22,286	20,223	-9.3%	29,693	267,856	68.1%	7.5%				
Low Birth Weight 1990,1994	292	266	-8.9%	630	8,718	42.2%	3.1%				
No Prenatal Care 1990,1994	102	91	-10.8%	120	1,489	75.8%	6.1%				
Infant Mortality 1990,1994	43	29	-32.6%	70	910	41.4%	3.2%				
Births to Teens (15-19) 1990,1994	655	540	-17.6%	868	9,330	62.2%	5.8%				
Child Death (1-14) 1990,1994	14	16	+14.3%	23	379	69.6%	4.2%				
Teen Death (15-19) 1990,1994	16	15	-6.3%	27	264	55.6%	5.7%				
Juvenile Commitments (13-18) 1990,1995	n/a	146	n/a	174	1,100	83.9%	13.3%				
Child Abuse Substantiated 1993,1995	920	982	+6.7%	1,421	9,279	69.1%	10.6%				
Family Problems 1993,1995	1,199	846	-29.4%	2,057	24,183	41.1%	3.5%				

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Percent Share of State was calculated using the sum of the counties.

Vineland Cumberland County

City Facts

Number of Births in 1994..... 765
Percent Low Birth Weight 1994..... 8.0%
Percent No Prenatal Care 1994..... 0.8%
Infant Mortality (per 1,000) 1994..... 10.5

Indicator	Number of Incidents			Most Recent Year		Most Recent Year	
	Base Year	Most Recent Year	Percent Change	County	State	County	State
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1990,1996	2,252	2,250	-0.1%	6,673	199,035	33.7%	1.1%
Children Receiving Food Stamps 1992,1996	3,392	3,215	-5.2%	9,325	267,856	34.5%	1.2%
Low Birth Weight 1990,1994	63	61	-3.2%	168	8,718	36.3%	0.7%
No Prenatal Care 1990,1994	16	6	-62.5%	34	1,489	17.6%	0.4%
Infant Mortality 1990,1994	6	8	+33.3%	18	910	44.4%	0.9%
Births to Teens (15-19) 1990,1994	147	129	-12.2%	387	9,330	33.3%	1.4%
Child Death (1-14) 1990,1994	1	2	+100%	10	379	20.0%	0.5%
Teen Death (15-19) 1990,1994	1	3	+200%	7	264	42.9%	1.1%
Juvenile Commitments (13-18) 1990,1995	n/a	12	n/a	32	1,100	37.5%	1.1%
Child Abuse Substantiated 1993,1995	93	105	+12.9%	273	9,279	38.5%	1.1%
Family Problems 1993,1995	149	229	+53.7%	917	24,183	25.0%	1.0%

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Percent Share of State was calculated using the sum of the counties.

East Orange Essex County

City Facts

Number of Births in 1994..... 1,317
Percent Low Birth Weight 1994..... 13.8%
Percent No Prenatal Care 1994..... 7.6%
Infant Mortality (per 1,000) 1994..... 15.2

Indicator	Number of Incidents			Most Recent Year		Most Recent Year	
	Base Year	Most Recent Year	Percent Change	County	State	County	State
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1990,1996	6,981	6,685	-4.2%	51,291	199,035	13.0%	3.4%
Children Receiving Food Stamps 1992,1996	8,759	9,015	+2.9%	67,536	267,856	13.3%	3.4%
Low Birth Weight 1990,1994	233	182	-21.9%	1,444	8,718	12.6%	2.1%
No Prenatal Care 1990,1994	80	100	+25.0%	666	1,489	15.0%	6.7%
Infant Mortality 1990,1994	27	20	-25.9%	164	910	12.2%	2.2%
Births to Teens (15-19) 1990,1994	268	199	-25.7%	1,667	9,330	11.9%	2.1%
Child Death (1-14) 1990,1994	13	9	-30.8%	74	379	12.2%	2.4%
Teen Death (15-19) 1990,1994	6	6	0%	44	264	13.6%	2.3%
Juvenile Commitments (13-18) 1990,1995	n/a	22	n/a	226	1,100	9.7%	2.0%
Child Abuse Substantiated 1993,1995	253	233	-7.9%	1,841	9,279	12.7%	2.5%
Family Problems 1993,1995	490	209	-57.3%	4,231	24,183	4.9%	0.9%

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Percent Share of State was calculated using the sum of the counties.

Irvington Essex County

City Facts

Number of Births in 1994..... 1,315
 Percent Low Birth Weight 1994..... 11.9%
 Percent No Prenatal Care 1994..... 4.3%
 Infant Mortality (per 1,000) 1994..... 16.7

Newark Essex County

City Facts

Number of Births in 1994..... 5,565
 Percent Low Birth Weight 1994..... 13.5%
 Percent No Prenatal Care 1994..... 8.0%
 Infant Mortality (per 1,000) 1994..... 15.8%

Indicator	Number of Incidents			Most Recent Year		Percent Change		Most Recent Year		Percent Share of	
	Base Year	Most Recent Year	Percent Change	County	State	County	State	County	State	County	State
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1990,1996	4,109	4,894	+19.1%	51,291	199,035	9.5%	2.5%				
Children Receiving Food Stamps 1992,1996	5,625	6,615	+17.6%	67,536	267,856	9.8%	2.5%				
Low Birth Weight 1990,1994	141	156	+10.6%	1,444	8,718	10.8%	1.8%				
No Prenatal Care 1990,1994	47	56	+19.1%	666	1,489	8.4%	3.8%				
Infant Mortality 1990,1994	21	22	+4.8%	164	910	13.4%	2.4%				
Births to Teens (15-19) 1990,1994	205	185	-9.8%	1,667	9,330	11.1%	2.0%				
Child Death (1-14) 1990,1994	6	12	+100%	74	379	16.2%	3.2%				
Teen Death (15-19) 1990,1994	4	12	+200%	44	264	27.3%	4.6%				
Juvenile Commitments (13-18) 1990,1995	n/a	32	n/a	226	1,100	14.2%	2.9%				
Child Abuse Substantiated 1993,1995	239	242	+1.3%	1,841	9,279	13.1%	2.6%				
Family Problems 1993,1995	469	390	-16.8%	4,231	24,183	9.2%	1.6%				

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 Percent Share of State was calculated using the sum of the counties.

Indicator	Number of Incidents			Most Recent Year		Percent Change		Most Recent Year		Percent Share of	
	Base Year	Most Recent Year	Percent Change	County	State	County	State	County	State	County	State
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1990,1996	39,609	34,913	-11.9%	51,291	199,035	68.1%	17.5%				
Children Receiving Food Stamps 1992,1996	47,119	45,147	-4.2%	67,536	267,856	66.8%	16.9%				
Low Birth Weight 1990,1994	838	754	-10.0%	1444	8,718	52.2%	8.7%				
No Prenatal Care 1990,1994	405	444	+9.6%	666	1,489	66.7%	29.8%				
Infant Mortality 1990,1994	113	88	-22.1%	164	910	53.7%	9.8%				
Births to Teens (15-19) 1990,1994	1,310	1,098	-16.2%	1,667	9,330	65.9%	11.8%				
Child Death (1-14) 1990,1994	35	36	+2.9%	74	379	48.6%	9.5%				
Teen Death (15-19) 1990,1994	31	15	-51.6%	44	264	34.1%	5.7%				
Juvenile Commitments (13-18) 1990,1995	n/a	150	n/a	226	1,100	66.4%	13.6%				
Child Abuse Substantiated 1993,1995	1,396	1,206	-13.6%	1,841	9,279	65.5%	13.0%				
Family Problems 1993,1995	2,523	2,872	+13.8%	4,231	24,183	67.9%	12.0%				

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 Percent Share of State was calculated using the sum of the counties.

Orange Essex County

City Facts

Number of Births in 1994..... 623
Percent Low Birth Weight 1994.....12.5%
Percent No Prenatal Care 1994..... 7.4%
Infant Mortality (per 1,000) 1994..... 11.2

Bayonne Hudson County

City Facts

Number of Births in 1994..... 705
Percent Low Birth Weight 1994.....7.0%
Percent No Prenatal Care 1994.....0.1%
Infant Mortality (per 1,000) 1994..... 11.3

Indicator	Number of Incidents			Most Recent Year		Most Recent Year	
	Base Year	Most Recent Year	Percent Change	County	State	County	State
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1990,1996	2,080	2,102	+1.1%	51,291	199,035	4.1%	1.1%
Children Receiving Food Stamps 1992,1996	2,597	3,029	+16.6%	67,536	267,856	4.5%	1.1%
Low Birth Weight 1990,1994	68	78	+14.7%	1,444	8,718	5.4%	.9%
No Prenatal Care 1990,1994	17	46	+170.6%	666	1,489	6.9%	3.1%
Infant Mortality 1990,1994	7	7	0%	164	910	4.3%	0.8%
Births to Teens (15-19) 1990,1994	83	82	-1.2%	1,667	9,330	4.9%	0.9%
Child Death (1-14) 1990,1994	5	9	+80.0%	74	379	12.2%	2.4%
Teen Death (15-19) 1990,1994	2	1	-50.0%	44	264	2.3%	0.4%
Juvenile Commitments (13-18) 1990,1995	n/a	12	n/a	226	1,100	5.3%	1.1%
Child Abuse Substantiated 1993,1995	74	86	+16.2%	1,841	9,279	4.7%	0.9%
Family Problems 1993,1995	139	61	-56.1%	4,231	24,183	1.4%	0.3%

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Percent Share of State was calculated using the sum of the counties.

Indicator	Number of Incidents			Most Recent Year		Most Recent Year	
	Base Year	Most Recent Year	Percent Change	County	State	County	State
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1990,1996	1,158	1,535	+32.6%	31,108	199,035	4.9%	0.8%
Children Receiving Food Stamps 1992,1996	1,624	2,069	+27.4%	39,511	267,856	5.2%	0.8%
Low Birth Weight 1990,1994	40	49	+22.5%	788	8,718	6.2%	0.6%
No Prenatal Care 1990,1994	3	1	-66.7%	17	1,489	5.9%	0.1%
Infant Mortality 1990,1994	12	8	-33.3%	87	910	9.2%	0.9%
Births to Teens (15-19) 1990,1994	52	54	+3.8%	1,086	9,330	5.0%	0.6%
Child Death (1-14) 1990,1994	3	3	0%	45	379	6.7%	0.8%
Teen Death (15-19) 1990,1994	0	0	0%	18	264	0%	0%
Juvenile Commitments (13-18) 1990,1995	n/a	3	n/a	93	1,100	3.2%	0.3%
Child Abuse Substantiated 1993,1995	36	17	-52.8%	691	9,279	2.5%	0.2%
Family Problems 1993,1995	66	65	-1.5%	1,787	24,183	3.6%	0.3%

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Jersey City Hudson County

City Facts

Number of Births in 1994..... 4,262
 Percent Low Birth Weight 1994..... 11.1%
 Percent No Prenatal Care 1994..... 0.1%
 Infant Mortality (per 1,000) 1994..... 12.9

North Bergen Hudson County

City Facts

Number of Births in 1994..... 782
 Percent Low Birth Weight 1994..... 6.6%
 Percent No Prenatal Care 1994..... 0.4%
 Infant Mortality (per 1,000) 1994..... 5.1

Indicator	Number of Incidents			Most Recent Year		Percent Change	Most Recent Year Number of Incidents		Most Recent Year Percent Share of County	State
	Base Year	Most Recent Year		County	State					
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1990,1996	19,113	18,317		31,108	199,035	-4.2%		58.9%	9.2%	
Children Receiving Food Stamps 1992,1996	22,800	23,354		39,511	267,856	+2.4%		59.1%	8.7%	
Low Birth Weight 1990,1994	465	472		788	8,718	+1.5%		59.9%	5.4%	
No Prenatal Care 1990,1994	41	4		17	1,489	-90.2%		23.5%	0.3%	
Infant Mortality 1990,1994	68	55		87	910	-19.1%		63.2%	6.1%	
Births to Teens (15-19) 1990,1994	655	647		1,086	9,330	-1.2%		59.6%	6.9%	
Child Death (1-14) 1990,1994	21	27		45	379	+28.6%		60.0%	7.1%	
Teen Death (15-19) 1990,1994	14	11		18	264	-21.4%		61.1%	4.2%	
Juvenile Commitments (13-18) 1990,1995	n/a	74		93	1,100	n/a		79.6%	6.7%	
Child Abuse Substantiated 1993,1995	568	367		691	9,279	-35.4%		53.1%	4.0%	
Family Problems 1993,1995	880	738		1,787	24,183	-16.1%		41.3%	3.1%	

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 Percent Share of State was calculated using the sum of the counties.

Indicator	Number of Incidents			Most Recent Year		Percent Change	Most Recent Year Number of Incidents		Most Recent Year Percent Share of	
	Base Year	Most Recent Year		County	State		County	State		
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1990,1996	1,129	1,460		31,108	199,035	+29.3%	4.7%	0.7%		
Children Receiving Food Stamps 1992,1996	1,659	1,916		39,511	267,856	+15.5%	4.8%	0.7%		
Low Birth Weight 1990,1994	40	52		788	8,718	+30.0%	6.6%	0.6%		
No Prenatal Care 1990,1994	3	3		17	1,489	0%	17.6%	0.2%		
Infant Mortality 1990,1994	4	4		87	910	0%	4.6%	0.4%		
Births to Teens (15-19) 1990,1994	46	55		1,086	9,330	+19.6%	5.1%	0.6%		
Child Death (1-14) 1990,1994	3	5		45	379	+66.7%	11.1%	1.3%		
Teen Death (15-19) 1990,1994	2	1		18	264	-50.0%	5.6%	0.4%		
Juvenile Commitments (13-18) 1990,1995	n/a	1		93	1,100	n/a	1.1%	0.1%		
Child Abuse Substantiated 1993,1995	75	41		691	9,279	-45.3%	5.9%	0.4%		
Family Problems 1993,1995	108	112		1,787	24,183	+3.7%	6.3%	0.5%		

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Union City Hudson County

City Facts

Number of Births in 1994 1,076
 Percent Low Birth Weight 1994 5.9%
 Percent No Prenatal Care 1994 0.3%
 Infant Mortality (per 1,000) 1994 6.5

Indicator	Number of Incidents			Most Recent Year		Most Recent Year		Most Recent Year	
	Base Year	Most Recent Year	Percent Change	County	State	County	State	County	State
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1990, 1996	3,813	4,270	+12.0%	31,108	199,035	13.7%	2.1%		
Children Receiving Food Stamps 1992, 1996	4,941	5,441	+10.1%	39,511	267,856	13.8%	2.0%		
Low Birth Weight 1990, 1994	74	63	-14.9%	788	8,718	8.0%	0.7%		
No Prenatal Care 1990, 1994	9	3	-66.7%	17	1,489	17.6%	0.2%		
Infant Mortality 1990, 1994	12	7	-41.7%	87	910	8.0%	0.8%		
Births to Teens (15-19) 1990, 1994	101	143	+41.6%	1,086	9,330	13.2%	1.5%		
Child Death (1-14) 1990, 1994	0	4	n/a	45	379	8.9%	1.1%		
Teen Death (15-19) 1990, 1994	0	1	n/a	18	264	5.6%	0.4%		
Juvenile Commitments (13-18) 1990, 1995	n/a	4	n/a	93	1,100	4.3%	0.4%		
Child Abuse Substantiated 1993, 1995	111	129	+16.2%	691	9,279	18.7%	1.4%		
Family Problems 1993, 1995	196	220	+12.2%	1,787	24,183	12.3%	0.9%		

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 Percent Share of State was calculated using the sum of the counties.

Trenton Mercer County

City Facts

Number of Births in 1994 1,663
 Percent Low Birth Weight 1994 12.3%
 Percent No Prenatal Care 1994 2.3%
 Infant Mortality (per 1,000) 1994 16.2

Indicator	Number of Incidents			Most Recent Year		Most Recent Year		Most Recent Year	
	Base Year	Most Recent Year	Percent Change	County	State	County	State	County	State
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1990, 1996	8,135	7,736	-4.9%	8,405	199,035	92.0%	3.9%		
Children Receiving Food Stamps 1992, 1996	9,794	9,737	-0.6%	10,520	267,856	92.6%	3.6%		
Low Birth Weight 1990, 1994	273	204	-25.3%	377	8,718	54.1%	2.3%		
No Prenatal Care 1990, 1994	34	38	+11.8%	48	1,489	79.2%	2.6%		
Infant Mortality 1990, 1994	34	27	-20.6%	37	910	73.0%	3.0%		
Births to Teens (15-19) 1990, 1994	479	329	-31.3%	437	9,330	75.3%	3.5%		
Child Death (1-14) 1990, 1994	7	8	+14.3%	15	379	53.3%	2.1%		
Teen Death (15-19) 1990, 1994	9	1	-88.9%	4	264	25.0%	0.4%		
Juvenile Commitments (13-18) 1990, 1995	n/a	45	n/a	48	1,100	93.8%	4.1%		
Child Abuse Substantiated 1993, 1995	298	313	+5.0%	373	9,279	83.9%	3.4%		
Family Problems 1993, 1995	655	838	+27.9%	1,143	24,183	73.3%	3.5%		

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 Percent Share of State was calculated using the sum of the counties.

New Brunswick Middlesex County

City Facts

Number of Births in 1994..... 943
 Percent Low Birth Weight 1994..... 9.8%
 Percent No Prenatal Care 1994..... 0.8%
 Infant Mortality (per 1,000) 1994..... 10.6

Old Bridge Middlesex County

City Facts

Number of Births in 1994..... 825
 Percent Low Birth Weight 1994..... 5.5%
 Percent No Prenatal Care 1994..... 0.2%
 Infant Mortality (per 1,000) 1994..... 8.5

Indicator	Number of Incidents			Most Recent Year		Percent Change		Most Recent Year		Most Recent Year	
	Base Year	Most Recent Year	Percent Change	County	State	County	State	County	State	County	State
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1990,1996	2,089	2,486	+19.0%	9,827	199,035	25.3%	1.2%				
Children Receiving Food Stamps 1992,1996	2,932	3,169	+8.1%	12,923	267,856	24.5%	1.2%				
Low Birth Weight 1990,1994	85	92	+8.2%	698	8,718	13.2%	1.1%				
No Prenatal Care 1990,1994	9	8	-11.1%	53	1,489	15.1%	0.5%				
Infant Mortality 1990,1994	10	10	0%	67	910	14.9%	1.1%				
Births to Teens (15-19) 1990,1994	115	149	+29.6%	548	9,330	27.2%	1.6%				
Child Death (1-14) 1990,1994	0	2	n/a	19	379	10.5%	0.5%				
Teen Death (15-19) 1990,1994	3	2	-33.3%	20	264	10.0%	0.3%				
Juvenile Commitments (13-18) 1990,1995	n/a	25	n/a	76	1,100	32.9%	2.3%				
Child Abuse Substantiated 1993,1995	85	72	-15.3%	328	9,279	22.0%	0.8%				
Family Problems 1993,1995	212	276	30.2%	1,621	24,183	17.0%	1.1%				

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 Percent Share of State was calculated using the sum of the counties.

Indicator	Number of Incidents			Most Recent Year		Percent Change		Most Recent Year		Most Recent Year	
	Base Year	Most Recent Year	Percent Change	County	State	County	State	County	State	County	State
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1990,1996	329	427	+29.8%	9,827	199,035	4.3%	0.2%				
Children Receiving Food Stamps 1992,1996	558	589	+5.6%	12,923	267,856	4.6%	0.2%				
Low Birth Weight 1990,1994	38	45	+18.4%	698	8,718	6.4%	0.5%				
No Prenatal Care 1990,1994	3	2	-33.3%	53	1,489	3.8%	0.1%				
Infant Mortality 1990,1994	5	7	+40.0%	67	910	10.4%	0.8%				
Births to Teens (15-19) 1990,1994	19	23	+21.1%	548	9,330	4.2%	0.2%				
Child Death (1-14) 1990,1994	4	2	-50.0%	19	379	10.5%	0.5%				
Teen Death (15-19) 1990,1994	1	1	0%	20	264	5.0%	0.4%				
Juvenile Commitments (13-18) 1990,1995	n/a	2	n/a	76	1,100	2.6%	0.2%				
Child Abuse Substantiated 1993,1995	38	11	-71.1%	328	9,279	3.4%	0.1%				
Family Problems 1993,1995	97	78	-19.6%	1,621	24,183	4.8%	0.3%				

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Perth Amboy Middlesex County

City Facts

Number of Births in 1994..... 818
Percent Low Birth Weight 1994.....7.8%
Percent No Prenatal Care 1994.....2.1%
Infant Mortality (per 1,000) 1994..... 17.1

Woodbridge Middlesex County

City Facts

Number of Births in 1994.....1,237
Percent Low Birth Weight 1994..... 7.1%
Percent No Prenatal Care 1994.....0.5%
Infant Mortality (per 1,000) 1994..... 1.6

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Indicator	Number of Incidents			Most Recent Year		Most Recent Year		Most Recent Year	
	Base Year	Most Recent Year	Percent Change	County	State	County	State	County	State
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1990,1996	2,214	2,735	+23.5%	9,827	199,035	27.8%	1.4%		
Children Receiving Food Stamps 1992,1996	3,436	3,820	+11.2%	12,923	267,856	29.6%	1.4%		
Low Birth Weight 1990,1994	61	64	+4.9%	698	8,718	9.2%	0.7%		
No Prenatal Care 1990,1994	10	17	+70.0%	53	1,489	32.1%	1.1%		
Infant Mortality 1990,1994	10	14	+40.0%	67	910	20.9%	1.6%		
Births to Teens (15-19) 1990,1994	145	139	-4.1%	548	9,330	25.4%	1.5%		
Child Death (1-14) 1990,1994	1	4	+300%	19	379	21.1%	1.1%		
Teen Death (15-19) 1990,1994	2	3	+50.0%	20	264	15.0%	1.1%		
Juvenile Commitments (13-18) 1990,1995	n/a	23	n/a	76	1,100	30.3%	2.1%		
Child Abuse Substantiated 1993,1995	120	40	-66.7%	328	9,279	12.2%	0.4%		
Family Problems 1993,1995	387	243	-37.2%	1,621	24,183	15.0%	1.0%		

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Percent Share of State was calculated using the sum of the counties.

Indicator	Number of Incidents			Most Recent Year		Most Recent Year		Most Recent Year	
	Base Year	Most Recent Year	Percent Change	County	State	County	State	County	State
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1990,1996	446	687	+54.0%	9,827	199,035	7.0%	0.3%		
Children Receiving Food Stamps 1992,1996	732	897	+22.5%	12,923	267,856	6.9%	0.3%		
Low Birth Weight 1990,1994	50	88	+76.0%	698	8,718	12.6%	1.0%		
No Prenatal Care 1990,1994	3	6	+100%	53	1,489	11.3%	0.4%		
Infant Mortality 1990,1994	12	2	-83.3%	67	910	3.0%	0.2%		
Births to Teens (15-19) 1990,1994	50	39	-22.0%	548	9,330	7.1%	0.4%		
Child Death (1-14) 1990,1994	2	2	0%	19	379	10.5%	0.5%		
Teen Death (15-19) 1990,1994	1	2	+100%	20	264	10.0%	0.8%		
Juvenile Commitments (13-18) 1990,1995	n/a	0	n/a	76	1,100	0%	0%		
Child Abuse Substantiated 1993,1995	58	20	-65.5%	328	9,279	6.1%	.2%		
Family Problems 1993,1995	200	117	-41.5%	1,621	24,183	7.2%	.5%		

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Percent Share of State was calculated using the sum of the counties.

Asbury Park Monmouth County

City Facts

Number of Births in 1994..... 376
Percent Low Birth Weight 1994..... 15.2%
Percent No Prenatal Care 1994..... 5.3%
Infant Mortality (per 1,000) 1994..... 16.0

Middletown Monmouth County

City Facts

Number of Births in 1994..... 838
Percent Low Birth Weight 1994..... 4.3%
Percent No Prenatal Care 1994..... 0.1%
Infant Mortality (per 1,000) 1994..... 7.2

Indicator	Number of Incidents			Most Recent Year		Percent Change	Most Recent Year Number of Incidents		Most Recent Year Percent Share of	
	Base Year	Most Recent Year		County	State		County	State		
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1990,1996	1,894	1,895	+0.1%	7,192	199,035		26.3%	1.0%		
Children Receiving Food Stamps 1992,1996	2,609	2,673	+2.5%	10,787	267,856		24.8%	1.0%		
Low Birth Weight 1990,1994	63	57	-9.5%	532	8,718		10.7%	0.7%		
No Prenatal Care 1990,1994	13	20	+53.8%	70	1,489		28.6%	1.3%		
Infant Mortality 1990,1994	11	6	-45.5%	50	910		12.0%	0.7%		
Births to Teens (15 -19) 1990,1994	79	91	+15.2%	460	9,330		19.8%	1.0%		
Child Death (1-14) 1990,1994	7	2	-71.4%	22	379		9.1%	0.5%		
Teen Death (15-19) 1990,1994	0	0	0%	16	264		0%	0%		
Juvenile Commitments (13-18) 1990,1995	n/a	26	n/a	75	1,100		34.7%	2.4%		
Child Abuse Substantiated 1993,1995	117	132	+12.8%	602	9,279		21.9%	1.4%		
Family Problems 1993,1995	449	182	-59.5%	1,895	24,183		9.6%	0.8%		

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Percent Share of State was calculated using the sum of the counties.

Indicator	Number of Incidents			Most Recent Year		Percent Change	Most Recent Year Number of Incidents		Most Recent Year Percent Share of	
	Base Year	Most Recent Year		County	State		County	State		
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1990,1996	180	221		7,192	199,035	+22.8%	3.1%	0.1%		
Children Receiving Food Stamps 1992,1996	347	378		10,787	267,856	+8.9%	3.5%	0.1%		
Low Birth Weight 1990,1994	29	36		532	8,718	+24.1%	6.8%	0.4%		
No Prenatal Care 1990,1994	1	1		70	1,489	0%	1.4%	0.1%		
Infant Mortality 1990,1994	5	6		50	910	+20.0%	12.0%	0.7%		
Births to Teens (15-19) 1990,1994	26	20		460	9,330	-23.1%	4.3%	0.2%		
Child Death (1-14) 1990,1994	4	3		22	379	-25.0%	13.6%	0.8%		
Teen Death (15-19) 1990,1994	4	2		16	264	-50.0%	12.5%	0.8%		
Juvenile Commitments (13-18) 1990,1995	n/a	1		75	1,100	n/a	1.3%	0.1%		
Child Abuse Substantiated 1993,1995	8	10		602	9,279	+25%	1.7%	0.1%		
Family Problems 1993,1995	50	77		1,895	24,183	+54%	4.1%	0.3%		

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Brick Township

Ocean County

City Facts

Number of Births in 1994 964
 Percent Low Birth Weight 1994 6.0%
 Percent No Prenatal Care 1994 0.1%
 Infant Mortality (per 1,000) 1994 11.4

Indicator	Number of Incidents			Most Recent Year		Most Recent Year	
	Base Year	Most Recent Year	Percent Change	County	State	County	State
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1990,1996	353	520	+47.3%	6,165	199,035	8.4%	0.3%
Children Receiving Food Stamps 1992,1996	769	859	+11.7%	10,659	267,856	8.1%	0.3%
Low Birth Weight 1990,1994	39	58	+48.7%	356	8,718	16.3%	0.7%
No Prenatal Care 1990,1994	1	1	0%	31	1,489	3.2%	0.1%
Infant Mortality 1990,1994	8	11	+37.5%	34	910	32.4%	1.2%
Births to Teens (15-19) 1990,1994	45	39	-13.3%	388	9,330	10.1%	0.4%
Child Death (1-14) 1990,1994	0	1	n/a	14	379	7.1%	0.3%
Teen Death (15-19) 1990,1994	6	2	-66.7%	15	264	13.3%	0.8%
Juvenile Commitments (13-18) 1990,1995	n/a	0	n/a	21	1,100	0%	0%
Child Abuse Substantiated 1993,1995	46	43	-6.5%	475	9,279	9.1%	0.5%
Family Problems 1993,1995	85	79	-7.1%	632	24,183	12.5%	0.3%

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Dover Township

Ocean County

City Facts

Number of Births in 1994 1,058
 Percent Low Birth Weight 1994 7.1%
 Percent No Prenatal Care 1994 0.4%
 Infant Mortality (per 1,000) 1994 4.7

Indicator	Number of Incidents			Most Recent Year		Most Recent Year	
	Base Year	Most Recent Year	Percent Change	County	State	County	State
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1990,1996	741	784	+5.8%	6,165	199,035	12.7%	0.4%
Children Receiving Food Stamps 1992,1996	1,341	1,365	+1.8%	10,659	267,856	12.8%	0.5%
Low Birth Weight 1990,1994	50	75	+50.0%	356	8,718	21.1%	0.9%
No Prenatal Care 1990,1994	4	4	0%	31	1,489	12.9%	0.3%
Infant Mortality 1990,1994	11	5	-54.5%	34	910	14.7%	0.6%
Births to Teens (15-19) 1990,1994	50	62	+24.0%	388	9,330	16.0%	0.7%
Child Death (1-14) 1990,1994	3	3	0%	14	379	21.4%	0.8%
Teen Death (15-19) 1990,1994	2	1	-50.0%	15	264	6.7%	0.4%
Juvenile Commitments (13-18) 1990,1995	n/a	0	n/a	21	1,100	0%	0%
Child Abuse Substantiated 1993,1995	80	77	-3.8%	475	9,279	16.2%	0.8%
Family Problems 1993,1995	97	106	+9.3%	632	24,183	16.8%	0.4%

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 Percent Share of State was calculated using the sum of the counties.

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Clifton Passaic County

City Facts

Number of Births in 1994..... 957
Percent Low Birth Weight 1994.....6.5%
Percent No Prenatal Care 1994.....0.5%
Infant Mortality (per 1,000) 1994..... 6.3

Passaic Passaic County

City Facts

Number of Births in 1994.....1,525
Percent Low Birth Weight 1994.....7.2%
Percent No Prenatal Care 1994.....2.3%
Infant Mortality (per 1,000) 1994..... 5.9

Indicator	Number of Incidents			Most Recent Year			Most Recent Year		
	Base Year	Most Recent Year	Percent Change	County	State	County	State	County	State
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1990,1996	254	384	+51.2%	13,397	199,035	2.9%	0.2%	2.9%	0.2%
Children Receiving Food Stamps 1992,1996	450	644	+43.1%	19,631	267,856	3.3%	0.2%	3.3%	0.2%
Low Birth Weight 1990,1994	39	62	+59.0%	661	8,718	9.4%	0.7%	9.4%	0.7%
No Prenatal Care 1990,1994	4	5	+25.0%	159	1,489	3.1%	0.3%	3.1%	0.3%
Infant Mortality 1990,1994	6	6	0%	70	910	8.6%	0.7%	8.6%	0.7%
Births to Teens (15-19) 1990,1994	26	50	+92.3%	893	9,330	5.6%	0.5%	5.6%	0.5%
Child Death (1-14) 1990,1994	2	1	-50.0%	27	379	3.7%	0.3%	3.7%	0.3%
Teen Death (15-19) 1990,1994	0	2	n/a	11	264	18.2%	0.8%	18.2%	0.8%
Juvenile Commitments (13-18) 1990,1995	n/a	1	n/a	142	1,100	0.7%	0.1%	0.7%	0.1%
Child Abuse Substantiated 1993,1995	38	19	-50%	570	9,279	3.3%	0.2%	3.3%	0.2%
Family Problems 1993,1995	119	105	-11.8%	1,919	24,183	5.5%	0.4%	5.5%	0.4%

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Percent Share of State was calculated using the sum of the counties.

Indicator	Number of Incidents			Most Recent Year			Most Recent Year		
	Base Year	Most Recent Year	Percent Change	County	State	County	State	County	State
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1990,1996	2,600	3,193	+22.8%	13,397	199,035	23.8%	1.6%	23.8%	1.6%
Children Receiving Food Stamps 1992,1996	3,736	4,802	+28.5%	19,631	267,856	24.5%	1.8%	24.5%	1.8%
Low Birth Weight 1990,1994	112	110	-1.8%	661	8,718	16.6%	1.3%	16.6%	1.3%
No Prenatal Care 1990,1994	22	35	+59.1%	159	1,489	22.0%	2.4%	22.0%	2.4%
Infant Mortality 1990,1994	18	9	-50.0%	70	910	12.9%	1.0%	12.9%	1.0%
Births to Teens (15-19) 1990,1994	211	236	+11.8%	893	9,330	26.4%	2.5%	26.4%	2.5%
Child Death (1-14) 1990,1994	6	3	-50.0%	27	379	11.1%	0.8%	11.1%	0.8%
Teen Death (15-19) 1990,1994	3	1	-66.7%	11	264	9.1%	0.4%	9.1%	0.4%
Juvenile Commitments (13-18) 1990,1995	n/a	27	n/a	142	1,100	19.0%	2.5%	19.0%	2.5%
Child Abuse Substantiated 1993,1995	145	34	-76.6%	570	9,279	6.0%	0.4%	6.0%	0.4%
Family Problems 1993,1995	319	254	-20.4%	1,919	24,183	13.2%	1.1%	13.2%	1.1%

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Pateron Passaic County

City Facts

Number of Births in 1994 3,241
 Percent Low Birth Weight 1994 10.6%
 Percent No Prenatal Care 1994 3.3%
 Infant Mortality (per 1,000) 1994 11.1

Indicator	Number of Incidents			Most Recent Year		Most Recent Year		Percent Share of
	Base Year	Most Recent Year	Percent Change	County	State	County	State	
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1990,1996	8,973	8,983	+0.1%	13,397	199,035	67.1%	4.5%	
Children Receiving Food Stamps 1992,1996	11,459	13,051	+13.9%	19,631	267,856	66.5%	4.9%	
Low Birth Weight 1990,1994	330	344	+4.2%	661	8,718	52.0%	4.0%	
No Prenatal Care 1990,1994	89	108	+21.3%	159	1,489	67.9%	7.3%	
Infant Mortality 1990,1994	46	36	-21.7%	70	910	51.4%	4.0%	
Births to Teens (15-19) 1990,1994	622	557	-10.5%	893	9,330	62.4%	6.0%	
Child Death (1-14) 1990,1994	11	15	+36.4%	27	379	55.6%	4.0%	
Teen Death (15-19) 1990,1994	3	3	0%	11	264	27.3%	1.1%	
Juvenile Commitments (13-18) 1990,1995	n/a	108	n/a	142	1,100	76.1%	9.8%	
Child Abuse Substantiated 1993,1995	493	396	-19.7%	570	9,279	69.5%	4.3%	
Family Problems 1993,1995	1,240	976	-21.3%	1,919	24,183	50.9%	4.1%	

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 Percent Share of State was calculated using the sum of the counties.

Elizabeth Union County

City Facts

Number of Births in 1994 2,127
 Percent Low Birth Weight 1994 9.4%
 Percent No Prenatal Care 1994 3.0%
 Infant Mortality (per 1,000) 1994 8.0

Indicator	Number of Incidents			Most Recent Year		Most Recent Year		Percent Share of
	Base Year	Most Recent Year	Percent Change	County	State	County	State	
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1990,1996	5,945	6,266	+5.4%	12,001	199,035	52.2%	3.1%	
Children Receiving Food Stamps 1992,1996	7,695	8,054	+4.7%	14,765	267,856	54.5%	3.0%	
Low Birth Weight 1990,1994	205	199	-2.9%	608	8,718	32.7%	2.3%	
No Prenatal Care 1990,1994	40	63	+57.5%	101	1,489	62.4%	4.2%	
Infant Mortality 1990,1994	17	17	0%	71	910	23.9%	1.9%	
Births to Teens (15-19) 1990,1994	290	277	-4.5%	622	9,330	44.5%	3.0%	
Child Death (1-14) 1990,1994	11	7	-36.4%	17	379	41.2%	1.9%	
Teen Death (15-19) 1990,1994	4	10	+150%	21	264	47.6%	3.8%	
Juvenile Commitments (13-18) 1990,1995	n/a	23	n/a	58	1,100	39.7%	2.1%	
Child Abuse Substantiated 1993,1995	259	261	+0.8%	482	9,279	54.1%	2.8%	
Family Problems 1993,1995	442	370	-16.3%	1,352	24,183	27.4%	1.5%	

Notes: State Number of Incidents may not equal the sum of the counties due to incidents at military installations, out of state, or unknown residence.
 Percent Share of State was calculated using the sum of the counties.

Plainfield Union County

City Facts

Number of Births in 1994..... 964
Percent Low Birth Weight 1994.....10.4%
Percent No Prenatal Care 1994..... 0.6%
Infant Mortality (per 1,000) 1994..... 12.4

Indicator	Number of Incidents			Most Recent Year		Percent Share of	
	Base Year	Most Recent Year	Percent Change	County	State	County	State
Children Receiving AFDC Benefits 1990,1996	2,489	2,831	+13.7%	12,001	199,035	23.6%	1.4%
Children Receiving Food Stamps 1992,1996	2,926	3,383	+15.6%	14,765	267,856	22.9%	1.3%
Low Birth Weight 1990,1994	101	100	-1.0%	608	8,718	16.4%	1.1%
No Prenatal Care 1990,1994	4	6	+50.0%	101	1,489	5.9%	0.4%
Infant Mortality 1990,1994	10	12	+20.0%	71	910	16.9%	1.3%
Births to Teens (15-19) 1990,1994	124	147	+18.5%	622	9,330	23.6%	1.6%
Child Death (1-14) 1990,1994	3	3	0%	17	379	17.6%	0.8%
Teen Death (15-19) 1990,1994	4	4	0%	21	264	19.0%	1.5%
Juvenile Commitments (13-18) 1990,1995	n/a	20	n/a	58	1,100	34.5%	1.8%
Child Abuse Substantiated 1993,1995	101	86	-14.9%	482	9,279	17.8%	0.9%
Family Problems 1993,1995	293	204	-30.4%	1,352	24,183	15.1%	0.8%

Note: State Number of Incidents may not equal the sum of the counties due to incidents at military installations, out of state, or unknown residence.
Percent Share of State was calculated using the sum of the counties.

Glossary

AFDC Maximum Monthly Benefit Percent Change- Percent Change for a family of three 1970 to 1995 accounts for inflation and indicates that AFDC Benefits have not been adjusted to the cost of living in New Jersey (The State of America's Children Yearbook 1996, Children's Defense Fund).

Birth Data - The 1994 birth data is from a preliminary 1994 data file, available as of October 11, 1996. All births to New Jersey residents may not be included in these preliminary numbers (Center for Health Statistics Department of Health and Senior Services).

Births to Teens - The number of adolescents who gave birth in 1990 and 1994 (Department of Health and Senior Services). Second or Later Births to Teens in 1994 (*Facts at a Glance*, Child Trends Inc., October, 1996). Estimate of teen sexual activity (Child Welfare League of America). Children born to adolescents are more likely to be of low birth weight, to have health problems, and suffer child abuse and neglect. Adolescent parents have fewer educational and career opportunities, thus

perpetuating poverty for themselves and their children.

Child Abuse and Neglect - The number of substantiated abuse and neglect cases 1993 and 1995 (Division of Youth and Family Services, Department of Human Services). Number of deaths per day as a result of abuse and neglect (Child Welfare League of America). A substantiated case is determined when a DYFS social worker establishes that a child has been physically, sexually, mentally, or emotionally abused by a parent, guardian, or other person which can cause or create a substantial risk of impairment or death to the child ("Children at Risk 1993 and 1994".)

Child Deaths - The number of children (ages 1-14) who died in 1990 and 1994 (Department of Health and Senior Services). Child Death Rate rank 1993 (*Kids Count Databook 1996*, State Profiles of Child Well-Being, Annie E. Casey Foundation). Increase in rate of smoking among 8th graders from 1991 to 1994 (Child Welfare League of America). Over one-third of

child deaths are caused by motor vehicle related injuries, infectious diseases, and other injuries including those related to fires. These causes are related to risks in families and communities, such as the lack of well-developed interventions and services. (see Death Data)

Children Receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) Benefits - The number of children receiving AFDC benefits in 1990 and 1996 (Department of Human Services). Children who receive these benefits are more likely to have health problems, to live in substandard housing, and to be abused or neglected.

Children Receiving Food Stamp Benefits - The number of children receiving Food Stamp benefits in 1992 and 1996 (Department of Human Services). Percent Increase FY 1989-1994 and rank (The State of America's Children Yearbook 1996, Children's Defense Fund).

Death Data - The 1994 death data is from a preliminary 1994 file, available

as of October 11, 1996. All 1994 deaths may not be reflected in this preliminary file (Center for Health Statistics).

Family Problems - The number of cases of identified risk at children in 1995 (Division of Youth and Family Services, Department of Human Services). Cases identified as family problems remain open for services after family intake. Such cases are situations that affect a child's well-being and growth without rising to the statutory definition of child abuse and neglect (*Children at Risk 1993 and 1994*, DHS).

Infant Mortality - The number of infants who died before their first birthday in 1990 and 1994 (Department of Health and Senior Services). Rank 1993 (*Kids Count Data Book 1996 State Profiles of Child Well-Being*, Annie E. Casey Foundation). High rates of infant mortality are indicative of poor access to health care, lack of prenatal care, birth defects (including those caused by prenatal exposure to alcohol and drugs), and high rates of poverty.

Juvenile Arrests - The number of juvenile arrests (ages 10-17) in 1990 and 1995 (Uniform Crime Report 1990, 1995).

Juvenile Commitments - The number of juvenile commitments (ages 13-18) in 1990 and 1995 (Department of Corrections and Juvenile Justice Commission). Placements in 1996 and Average Length of Stay in 1995 (New Jersey Budget Book FY 1997). Children in detention centers lack the opportunity to participate in family life, traditional/education systems and interactions with the community. They are more likely to come from families and communities in which high risk behaviors are more prevalent.

Low Birth Weight - Babies born weighing below 2,500 grams (5.5 lbs.) in 1990 and 1994 (Department of Health and Senior Services). The 1993 rank (Kids Count Databook, State Profiles of Child Well-Being 1996, Annie E. Casey Foundation). These babies have a higher death rate (see Infant Mortality Indicator) and are more likely to develop disabilities which create a greater need for medical services, special education, and lifelong support services.

Non-White Population - Includes all those who are non-white, either of Hispanic Origin or non-Hispanic Origin.

(1990-94 Estimates as of July 1, 1994, US Bureau of the Census. Prepared by NJ Department of Labor Market & Demographic Research, August 1996)

No Prenatal Care - Children born in 1990 and 1994 whose mothers reported receiving no prenatal medical care (Department of Health and Senior Services). Mothers receiving early prenatal care in 1993 (The State of America's Children Yearbook 1996, Children's Defense Fund). Such children are more likely to be of low birth weight (see Low Birth Weight Indicator). Mothers who do not receive prenatal care have higher rates of maternal death, illnesses and complications, all of which have adverse implications for the child.

Out-of-Home Placement Rate - The number of children placed in settings such as foster care, residential care or other out-of-home placements in 1990 and 1996 (Department of Human Services and Department of Education). Children who are placed in such a setting often lack the stability of a nurturing home life.

Per Capita Personal Income - U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, July 4, 1996.

Population Statistics - Estimates of county population 1990-94. U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census, Census Data, July 4, 1996. Prepared by NJ Department of Labor.

Poverty - Poverty in New Jersey 1993 (Kids Count Databook, State Profiles of Child Well-Being 1996, Annie E. Casey Foundation).

Teen Death - The number of adolescents (ages 15-19) who died in 1990 and 1994 (Department of Health and Senior Services). New Jersey Teen Violent Death Rate 1993 are deaths from homicide, suicide, and accidents (Kids Count 1996, State Profiles of Child-Well Being, Annie E. Casey Foundation). Students reporting weapons in school in 1993 (Child Welfare League of America). A high percentage of adolescent deaths are caused by motor vehicle related injuries, homicide, suicide, and other high risk behaviors. These causes are associated with risks in their families and communities, such as the lack of well-developed interventions and services. (see Death Data)

Statements

Municipalities - Many municipalities in New Jersey share mailing addresses and zip codes with adjacent or neighboring areas. This can lead to geographic errors in assigning where births and deaths occur. As coding of residences improves, there may be large changes in the numbers of births and deaths assigned to cities. These changes would reflect differences in coding rather than real changes in the births or deaths themselves. (Department of Health and Senior Services).

Percent Change - When the base year data is zero, a percent change cannot be calculated because it is statistically not measurable.

Percent Share of State - County and city percent share of the state total was calculated by using the sum of the county incidents. The sum of the counties may not equal the state total due to incidents at military installation, out of state, or unknown place of residence.



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